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ATTEMPTED PIRACY.

NARROW ESCAPE OF JARDINE STEAMER.

RIDDLED WITH BULLETS.

Shooting To Kill On Refusal to Stop.

QUARTERMASTER'S BRAVERY AT WHEEL WHILST UNDER FIRE.

Narrow escapes from death were experienced yesterday by Capt. Alexander of the Indo-China s.s. "Waishing," the pilot and quartermaster who were on the bridge, and in fact by all on board.

The ship was subjected to an intensive fusillade from the occupants of an armed black launch, whose object apparently was to attempt to stop the "Waishing" with a view to piracy. As the "Waishing" did not stop, the would-be pirates fired about fifty rounds at the bridge, following the "Waishing" until outstripped. The quartermaster with great bravery remained at the wheel and the Captain and pilot also remained on the bridge until danger was passed.

The "Waishing" bears many marks of the fusillade to which she was subjected.

PIRATES IN ARMED LAUNCH.

The "Waishing," which is on the triangular run from Hong Kong to Tsingtao via Swatow and Shanghai and back to Hong Kong and Canton, was on the way to Hong Kong from Canton when the incidents took place.

About three o'clock yesterday afternoon, as the ship was nearing Amherst Point (about twenty miles from Canton), an armed launch painted black was observed, making toward the "Waishing." The launch (the number of which was noticed to be 2,711) fired in the direction of the "Waishing" and, thinking that it might be a Chinese naval patrol boat with legitimate business, the Captain of the "Waishing" stopped the engines with a view to allowing the boat to come alongside.

As the launch came nearer, however, it was observed that its occupants were far from giving the appearance of being in any official capacity. They were obviously of the roughest type, and their intention was evidently to get on board and loot what they could.

Shooting to Kill.

Immediately the character of his "visitors" became apparent, Capt. Alexander immediately opened the ship up and proceeded at full speed. Foiled in their purpose, the occupants of the launch opened an intensive rifle fire on the bridge on which were the Captain, the pilot and the quartermaster, following the "Waishing" until outstripped.

The intention of the pirates was apparently to shoot to kill as they directed their fire solely at the bridge on which they observed the Captain and others. Undeterred by the flying bullets, the quartermaster remained at the wheel, observing the orders of the Captain with the utmost coolness.

Remarkable Escapes.

The escape of those on the bridge from injury was remarkable when the fact is taken into consideration that about fifty rounds were fired and that the structure round about was pierced with bullets.

One of the bullets went clean through the Captain's room and out through the window on the other side, piercing the canvas screen. The lifeboats on the lower bridge deck were shot through and through, and rendered entirely unseaworthy. Another bullet pierced the funnel of the ship.

Chief Officer's Escape.

Chief Officer Petherick had a narrow escape. He was in his cabin at the time of the shooting when the firing first began, one of the bullets flattening itself close to the port hole of his cabin.

Mr. Petherick attempted to get to the bridge to lend a hand and, although in the line of fire, crawled a good deal of the way when he was told by the quartermaster that no useful purpose could be served by him on the bridge.

Protest to be Made.

The workwood of the bridge of the "Waishing" is pierced in many places and all marks made by the bullets have been ringed in chalk to bear witness to the out-

rage, in regard to which it is understood that a strong protest will be made to the Canton authorities.

Although the intention of the occupants of the launch was obviously piracy, there was little of value on board which could be taken. The "Waishing" had no passengers or cargo and was merely returning to Hong Kong to await her next trip northward. The pirates had evidently not made extensive plans or else, if piracy was intended, the attack would have been made on the voyage to Canton.

"Sui Yang" Witnesses Fire.

The firing on the "Waishing" was also borne witness to on the return to Hong Kong of the China Navigation s.s. "Sui Yang," which reported that it observed the "Waishing" being fired on a mile above Amherst Point at Second Bar Creek.

The "Sui Yang" was ahead of the "Waishing." Considerable repairs will have to be effected before the "Waishing" will be able to proceed on her northward run.

TUNGTING LAKE.

British Shipping Conditions Improve.

Hankow, Yesterday.

Conditions for British shipping on the Tungting Lake have now become satisfactory again.—British Naval Wireless.

The Siang River is a tributary of the famous Yangtze, draining a fairly rich area in South China and running northwards to join the right (southern) bank of the Yangtze. Just before it reaches the confluence, it passes through the Tungting Lake, a fairly large expanse of water, navigable to small shipping.

For months after the Nationalists capture of Hankow and the spread of Communism in Hunan, British shipping was absent from the Tungting Lake and the Siang River.

Route of Missionaries.

Recently, this area was under the Hankow army, which (according to a despatch published elsewhere) has been subdued by the Nationalists of Nanking.

Much produce is exported from Hunan, down the Siang River and through Tungting Lake. Branching off from the Yangtze, ships go up the Siang, through the lake, and then southwards to Changsha.

It is by this way that members of the Anglican mission under the Bishop of Kwangsi and Hunan go up to their field, although there is an alternative route up the West River and then overland.

THEFT FROM MAGISTRATE.

Mr. R. E. Lindell has reported to the Police that whilst his motor car was left unattended near the Star Ferry wharf yesterday, a rat-basket containing a dress suit and a dress shirt with gold buttons and lank, worth \$150, was stolen.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 7/16.

YOCHOW CAPTURED.

Nanking Armies Move on Changsha.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN HANKOW?

General Chen Chien's 6th Army In Mystery.

Hankow, Yesterday. News has been received here that the 6th Nationalist Army (which is commanded by General Cheng Chien) has captured Yochow, in the north-east corner of Hunan province, and is pushing on southwards on to Changsha.—British Naval Wireless.

Yochow is 135 miles south-west of Hankow but it is more accessible than the distance (in figure) conveys because the Yangtze



Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, who may succeed General Chang Tsung-chang to control in Shantung.

(above Hankow) twists southwards and Yochow, standing on the banks of the Siang River (a tributary of the Yangtze) is very close to the main river.

Pushing on in Victory.

Yesterday it was reported that the 6th Army was withdrawing from Yochow to concentrate at Wuchang, a city adjoining Hankow. It was supposed that General Cheng Chien of the 6th Army, being engaged in a dispute with his colleagues, was calling his men back to strengthen his hands.

However, to-day's news indicates that, no matter what developments are taking place at Hankow and Wuchang, he is pushing on against the remnants of the defeated Hankow Army



General Chang Tsung-chang, of the Northern Army, who may lose his command.

which, after the arrival of the victors from Nanking, retired to Yochow and Changsha.

Changsha is also on the Siang River, about 120 miles due south of (i.e. inland of) Yochow. Here are a fairly large number of Hankow troops who have not surrendered to Nanking.

SHANGHAI CONFERENCE.

Another Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Kuomintang Preliminary Conference again met this afternoon, 29 members attending, including Mr. Wang Ching-wei and other delegates from Canton.

It is understood that the meeting was arranged through General Chiang Kai-shek's mediation. The next meeting will be held on Saturday.

There are no details as to what occurred yesterday.—Reuter.

(Continued at foot of next Column.)

PREMIUM BONDS.

Conservatives Revive Proposal.

M.P.'s VIEWS INVITED.

Representations To Government Next Session.

Rugby, Yesterday. A proposal to issue premium bonds as a means of raising money for the State on advantageous terms has been made, and Conservative members of the House of Commons are being circulated on the subject.

The circular is signed by Colonel Gretton and Sir Frank Nelson, Chairman and Secretary

REDS' MENACE.

Leaders Flocking To Canton.

Shanghai, To-day. An official statement issued by the Nationalist News Agency states that, according to confidential reports, 50 rifles and 300 Russian officers from Vladivostok are on their way to Canton, whilst Chinese Communist leaders are flocking to Canton from their refuge.

Posters in Canton appeal to the people to oppose all communication with the Communists, "which policy is imperilling the Kuomintang."

The Nationalist News Agency adds that Kwangtung has been chosen as the base of a Communist revolution having as its purpose the destruction of the anti-Communist Kuomintang and the Nationalist Government, "but the Nationalist leaders are alive to the danger of the situation and will take strong measures to nip the pernicious plan in the bud."—Reuter.

of the Conservative economic group, and it asks for the views of members of the proposal.

A scheme has been worked out, and it is contended that by the introduction of the element of chance, by substantial money prizes, large sums could be raised by the Government at 2 or 2½ per cent. interest.

Representations may be made to the Government early next

FINE WEATHER.

Observatory Forecast To-day.

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory this forenoon stated:—

The anticyclone has weakened. A depression has formed over S.W. Japan.

Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Forecast:—N. winds, moderate; fine.

session if the opinions expressed are favourable.

It may be recalled, however, that Mr. Baldwin has already expressed his disbelief that such a method of raising revenue would be generally acceptable. Any such proposal would, indeed, undoubtedly be the subject of acute controversy.—British Wireless Service.

NORTH HARD HIT.

Change of Command Coming in Shantung.

Peking, Yesterday. Foreign messages from Tsinan state that the Shantung troops, personally commanded by General Chang Tsung-chang, are still holding Haichowfu in spite of repeated attacks by the Nationalists and the Kuomintang.

A critical situation was created there recently when all Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's and the Chihli troops were withdrawn and sent to Lincheng and Taining, respectively, for the purpose of meeting the Kuomintang attacks. With only Shantung troops holding the city the Nationalists almost captured it, but the attacks were driven off by desperate fighting.

It is stated that these withdrawals from Haichowfu are preliminary to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's plan to attack Chang Tsung-chang in Shantung if the latter fails to hold Haichowfu.

It is officially stated that General Chang Tsung-chang claims that the Kuomintang are now 30 li (about 10 miles) west of Haichowfu.—Reuter.

GAINING STRENGTH.

Ironsides Now Firmly Entrenched.

INVASION POSSIBILITIES.

Some Rival Generals And Their Schemes.

Firmly entrenched along the main waterways of Kwangtung province and with their star slightly in the ascendant in their enemies' province of Kwangsi, the Ironsides are adding to their strength so as to be capable of dealing with any new opposition.

Such opposition may come from the neighbouring province of Fukien and not from places where pro-Nanking armies—ordered to make war on Canton—are at present quartered.

Danger of Invasion.

The "No. 1 General" in south Fukien at present is Chen Ming-



General Chen Ming-chu who is at the head of an invasion of Kwangtung.

chu, who, as a subordinate of General Li Chai-sun, served Chiang Kai-shek well in the field and in politics.

General Chen Ming-chu has been leading an expedition rapidly southward from Foochow and Amoy, and is now near the Kwangtung frontier.

Once across, he will be able to join hands with the Kwangsi Generals at Swatow or—and more strange events have been recorded—he may turn on his friends and take Swatow from them. Still, there are possibilities!

Famous Defender.

Swatow, the upper reaches of the East River, and the Han River basin make up an area which is very well known to a number of Generals who have sojourned in Hong Kong for two years. These warriors belong to the faction under Generalissimo Chan Kwing-ming (Chen Chung-ming), who was routed by Chiang Kai-shek and the Russian-led Whampoa Cadets.

The Ironsides, who are mostly Cantonese, are stated to be anxious to bring into their fold the Cantonese Generals who served Chan Kwing-ming so loyally. One of these is General Yeung Kwanyu, famous for his epic defence, no more than one occasion—and for an assault before that—on the city of Waichow, in warfare which, to use the words of General Sutton, "was not comic opera."

Chinese Merchants Pleased. Another General who held command at Samchun, the railway town just across the British frontier, has been given command of a division.

Chinese merchants are rather pleased at this new trend in the Ironsides' policy for this blending of the radicals (the Ironsides), who are anti-Communists with the conservatives (the Chan Kwing-ming faction), is expected to lead to orderliness—and trade.

FATAL EXPLOSIONS.

GUNPOWDER FACTORY AT LUNGWHA.

FOUR COOLIES KILLED.

Shanghai, Yesterday. An explosion in the gunpowder factory at Lungwha Arsenal (near Shanghai) this morning was heard over a wide area.

Four coolies who were handling the powder were killed and a dozen Chinese houses were wrecked.—Reuter.

COAL-MINE EXPLOSION.

Twelve Workmen Killed in Spain.

Madrid, Yesterday. Twelve persons were killed and many injured in a fatal explosion in a coal mine in the Asturias region.—Reuter.

ARMS SEIZURE

Revolvers & Ammunition In a Box.

TWO CHINESE CHARGED.

Remanded In Custody By Magistrate.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the police seized in Connaught Road West a wooden box, about three feet square, which was full of revolvers and ammunition.

The seizure was made as the result of information received that a large quantity of ammunition had arrived in the Colony and was being landed that afternoon.

Detectives immediately went to the Sai Kong wharf, and soon afterward noticed two coolies carrying away the box in question, and they were immediately arrested.

The two Chinese were this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy with the unlawful possession of 40 Smith-Weston revolvers and 1,809 rounds of revolver ammunition.

The arrest of the accused was effected by Chief Preventive Officer Clark and revenue men.

Police Inspector Grant, who prosecuted, in asking for a 24 hours' remand in Police custody, told the Magistrate that the first accused knew all about the contraband. With regard to the second accused, the Inspector said that he was prepared to believe carrier. However, he would like both remanded for further inquiries.

Proceeding, the Inspector said that the accused claimed that they were engaged by two men of similar appearance to carry the box, but did not point anyone out when they were stopped. A delivery book found on the box, the Inspector said, belonged to a shop in Wanchai which had gone bankrupt. The last entry in this book was dated May 5.

The request for a remand was granted.

SINGAPORE BASE.

WHAT A LADY JOURNALIST SAW.

WHAT WE ALL KNOW.

London, Yesterday. Details of the Singapore Base are described in an article in the "Daily Telegraph" by a New Zealand woman claiming to be the first journalist to be shown over it.

The Base being constructed in the Straits of Johore will eventually consist of a dockyard, floating dock, tanks storing 1,250,000 tons of oil, and a wireless station able to communicate with the Admiralty all day long defending what it is hoped will be impregnable fortifications situated on lofty islets, seaplanes and aeroplanes or will be housed six miles from the Base and also separated by a wide river which, however, is being bridged. She points out that Singapore is the fourth largest port in the Empire and occupied a key position.—Reuter.

SAFETY FIRST.

BRITISH AND MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

ECONOMY ONLY SECOND.

London, Yesterday. Two references to President Coolidge's message to Congress were made by members of the Cabinet at different functions to-night.

Sir W. Joynson-Hicks, Home Secretary, said that he did not complain of a single syllable therein, but he said to the President and people of the United States: "A declaration that is good for you is equally good for Great Britain." He contended that Great Britain was also entitled to do what she considered right without reference to the demands or wishes of other nations. He (Sir W. Joynson-Hicks) considered that safety was first and economy second.

Mr. W. C. C. Bridgeman said that he was the last person to criticize President Coolidge's message. Mr. Coolidge said that Americans would do what was necessary in their own defence. "That is exactly the proposition I submitted to the Plenary Conference at Geneva," he strongly deprecated "War Talk."—Reuter.

FATE UNCERTAIN.

Captain Lalor In Shasi Area.

ANXIETY SLIGHTLY ALLAYED.

Missionary In Touch With Bandits Through Agents.

A naval wireless message from Ichang yesterday states that Mr. Tocher, the missionary who is negotiating for the release of the captured China Navigation Company skipper, Capt. Lalor, is reported to be in touch with the pirates through agents and that Lalor is somewhere in the Shasi area.

From this it would appear that the anxiety regarding the welfare of the missionary go-between has been allayed but it is not stated whether he is a free agent.

It is to be presumed that the pirates' failure to produce Capt. Lalor is an indication that they are holding out for more money and that they intend keeping both Lalor and Tocher until their demands are met.

More Money Wanted.

Shanghai, Yesterday. A report from Ichang says there is a hitch in the proceedings for the release of Captain Lalor.

Mr. Tocher proceeded to the agreed rendezvous, only to find that the pirates had again told the Magistrate that they moved their captive further inland. There are indications that they are holding out for more money.

Mr. Tocher does not think that Captain Lalor has been or will be ill-treated.

No Naval escort accompanied Mr. Tocher, only Chinese intermediary agents going with him.—Reuter.

[It was reported in our columns yesterday that although full particulars were lacking of later developments in the negotiations for the release of Capt. Lalor from pirate hands at Ichang, it would appear that anxiety was felt regarding the whereabouts of the missionary, Mr. Tocher, who has been undertaking the negotiations for the captured skipper's release. In accordance with the arrangement by which \$2,000 was deposited a few days ago and the captive was to be released on payment of a further \$20,000 on Wednesday morning, Mr. Tocher went at daybreak on that day to the locality near Paiyang which was agreed upon as a point of embarkation to the pirates' stronghold. He was observed to be met by two unarmed men and to proceed with them to the rendezvous down the river.]

MORPHIA DEAL?

CHRISTIE AND BLUMH IN COURT.

REMANDED TO MONDAY.

James Christie and Christopher Blumh, charged in connection with the alleged morphia deal, made a formal appearance before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when they were remanded until Monday afternoon for resumption of the hearing of the case.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, who appeared for the defence, applied for permission for the accused to go to Kowloon to get some warm clothing.

Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds having no objection, the Magistrate granted the necessary permission.

HEROIN PILLS.

CHINESE CHARGED WITH POSSESSION.

REMANDED TO MONDAY.

A Chinese named Kwong Man-foo was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell with the unlawful possession of 56 pills containing a percentage of heroin.

The pills were discovered by Revenue Officer Grimmett when he and revenue men visited a porcelain dealer's shop at No. 118 Jervois Street yesterday.

R. O. Grimmett informed the Magistrate that Mr. A. E. Hall had been instructed for the defence, but was that morning engaged in the Supreme Court.

The Magistrate accordingly fixed the hearing of the case for noon on Monday next. Bail in the sum of \$250 was extended.

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from London.
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E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 8th December, 1927.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
December	a.m.	p.m.
9	6.51	5.39
10	6.52	5.39
11	6.52	5.40
12	6.53	5.40
13	6.54	5.40
14	6.54	5.41
15	6.55	5.41
16	6.55	5.41
17	6.56	5.42
18	6.56	5.42
19	6.57	5.43
20	6.58	5.43
21	6.58	5.44
22	6.59	5.44
23	6.59	5.44
24	7.00	5.45
25	7.00	5.45
26	7.01	5.46
27	7.01	5.47
28	7.01	5.47
29	7.02	5.48
30	7.02	5.48
31	7.03	5.49

NOTICES.**FANLING HUNT
STEEPLECHASES.**

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and
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C. J. TACCHI,
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Hong Kong, 8th December, 1927.

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(Weather Permitting)

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First Race at 1.15 p.m.
Public Enclosure 40 cents.
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STEAMERS TO MACAO.
S.S. Sui An—9.30 a.m.
Sunday, 11th December.
S.S. Lungshan—8.30 a.m.
Sunday, 11th December.
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SHANSI EXPERIENCE.**POPULACE REDUCED TO
BEGGARY.****AN INVADING ARMY.**

Thé Tatungfu correspondent of
the "N. C. Daily News" writes on
Nov. 18:—

Tatungfu became one of the
storm centres of political strife in
China at the end of September.
Since the revolution in China in
1911-12, the Governor of the pro-
vince of Shansi, by name of Yen
Hsi-shan, had managed to steer a
middle course. He refused to join
any of the political parties who
have been contending for the con-
trol of China. The whole of his at-
tention was directed to the ad-
ministration of the affairs of his
own people. This produced such
beneficial effect that the province
was generally spoken of as the
model province.

In the early months of this sum-
mer it looked as if the whole of
China was soon to come under the
control of the Nationalists of the
south. At this stage the Governor
threw in his lot with the southern
Nationalists. Preparations were
started for a military enterprise.
On September 26, we were surpris-
ed to hear that the railway com-
munication to and from Peking had
been stopped. The same day the
whole of the Shansi forces began
to move out of the province and
launched a campaign for the cap-
ture of Peking. It is estimated
that the expeditionary force con-
tained about 150,000 soldiers of all
arms.

Yen's Plan of Campaign.
This force was divided into five
armies moving towards Peking
from the west along five different
roads. The most northerly army
started from Tatungfu and kept
along the northwest railway. The
main army under the personal
supervision of the Governor of the
province followed the line of the
railway from the capital of the pro-
vince out over the hills to the
southwest to the railway junction
at Shihchiachuang, where the main
line from Hankow to the capital is
reached. Between these two main
forces three other armies took more
direct routes to the capital by way
of passes over the mountains which
lie between Shansi and their goal.
The campaign was arranged so
secretly and was started forth with
such suddenness that the northern-
ers were caught quite unprepared
and they had to fall back before
the invaders. One of the armies
arrived within 20 miles of Peking
before it was checked.

Now they have been driven back
and it seems as if the war lord of
Manchuria intends to continue the
campaign until the whole of Shan-
si is subject to his control.

Foreign Residents Isolated.

We were cut off from the out-
side world for seven weeks. On
Sunday last the first train arrived
from Peking and brought us two
months' mail. During this period
of time we have seen some of the
varied scenes at an important base
in time of war. At one time there
were over 1,050 patients in make-
shift hospitals. The so-called doc-
tors in charge were Chinese stu-
dents who had been trained for a
year or so in one of the mission
hospitals as nurses. In less than
a month after the outbreak of hos-
tilities it became apparent that the
Shansi expedition had spent itself.
We received in turn the retiring
army of Shansi and then in close
succession the victorious Man-
churian army. The towns and vil-
lages through which the soldiers
passed have suffered grievously.
There has been oppression and vi-
olence everywhere of indescribable
barbarity. The people of the dis-
trict have been exploited unmercifully.
They have been forced to
supply food and accommodation for
both armies in turn. Their women
folk have been treated shamefully.
Their supplies of fodder and grain
have been used freely for feeding
the horses and mules of the mili-
tary. Their young men have been
conscripted as labourers to carry
the burdens of the soldiers. Their
horses, mules, donkeys, cows, and
carts have been seized and are not
likely to be returned. These are
required for transport work.

Governor of Kirin in Command.

At present we are under the rule
of the Governor of Kirin. He is
the Manchurian general in charge
of the operation along the north-
west frontier. Our province of
Shansi is very mountainous. On
the north, in addition to the moun-
tains, there is an outer and an in-
ner wall. These two walls run east
and west and are about 100 miles
apart. On the east of the province
another section of the Great Wall
of China runs north and south and
is the boundary line between us
and Chihli province. Tatungfu
lies up in the north of the pro-
vince between the two walls. It
is a most important town in a wide
area and is situated on the main
road out of Peking to the north-
west into central Asia. During
this time of strife we have had our
work to do. When the railway ser-
vice was suddenly suspended we

became a travellers aid society and
took care of a number of strand-
ing travellers until such time as
the railway service was resumed.
Some of these people were with us
six weeks.

The famine relief which took
the form of collecting the medi-
cal herb ephedra was carried on
until the military made it impos-
sible for they seized the carts for
transport work and the poor people
were afraid to bring in their sup-
plies.

Savagery of the Soldiers.

On account of the savagery of
the soldiers we were approached
with a view to using the mission
premises as a city of refuge for
defenceless women and children.
We have been able to find shelter
in this way for over 100 refugees.
They have now been with us nearly
a month and are likely
to remain for an indefinite period
of time. We have work now to
do without going out to look for
it. We give them all an opportu-
nity of attending our evening ser-
vice which we arrange to suit their
capabilities.

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Francis Li has been patronised by
the wounded of both armies. It
now looks as if it will close down
as no carts can be hired to carry

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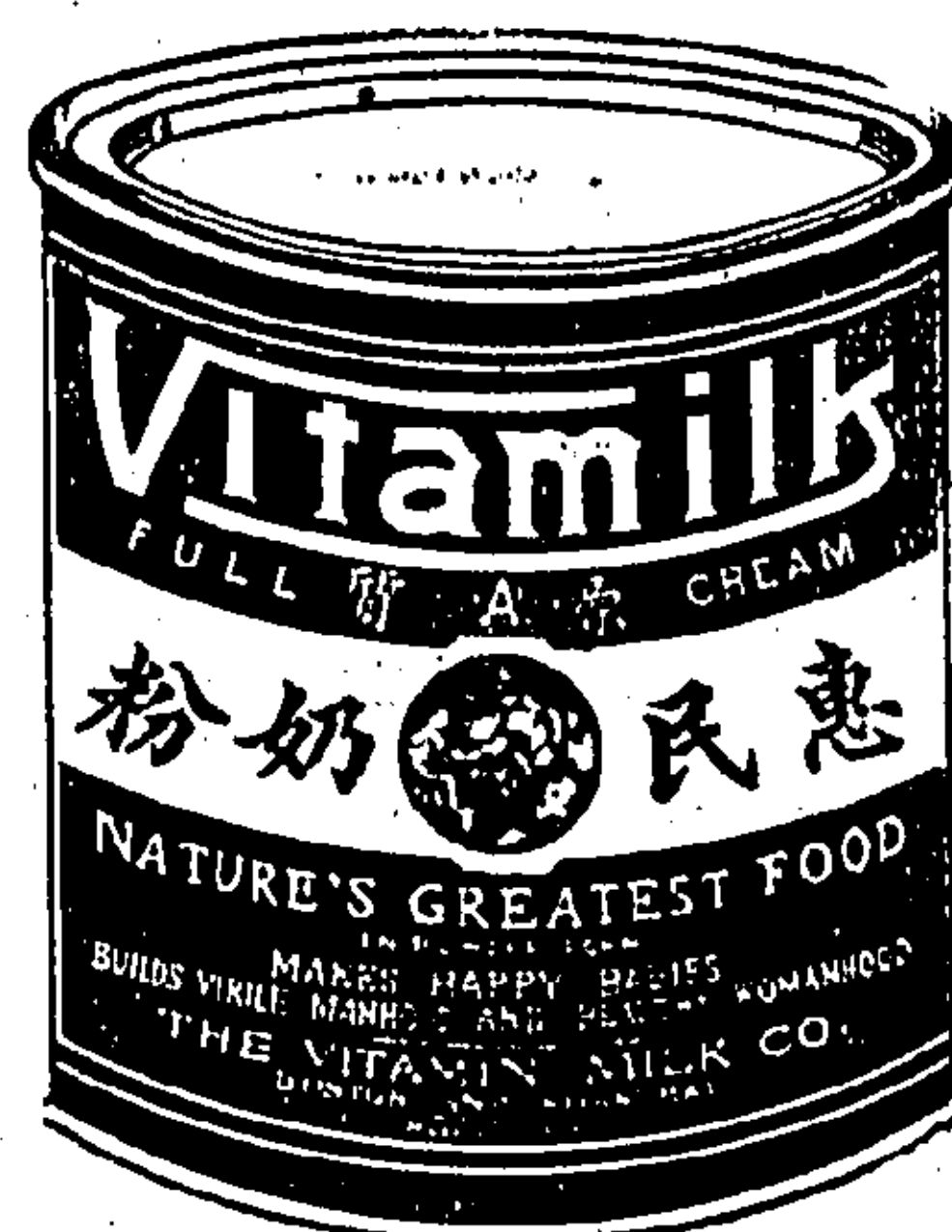
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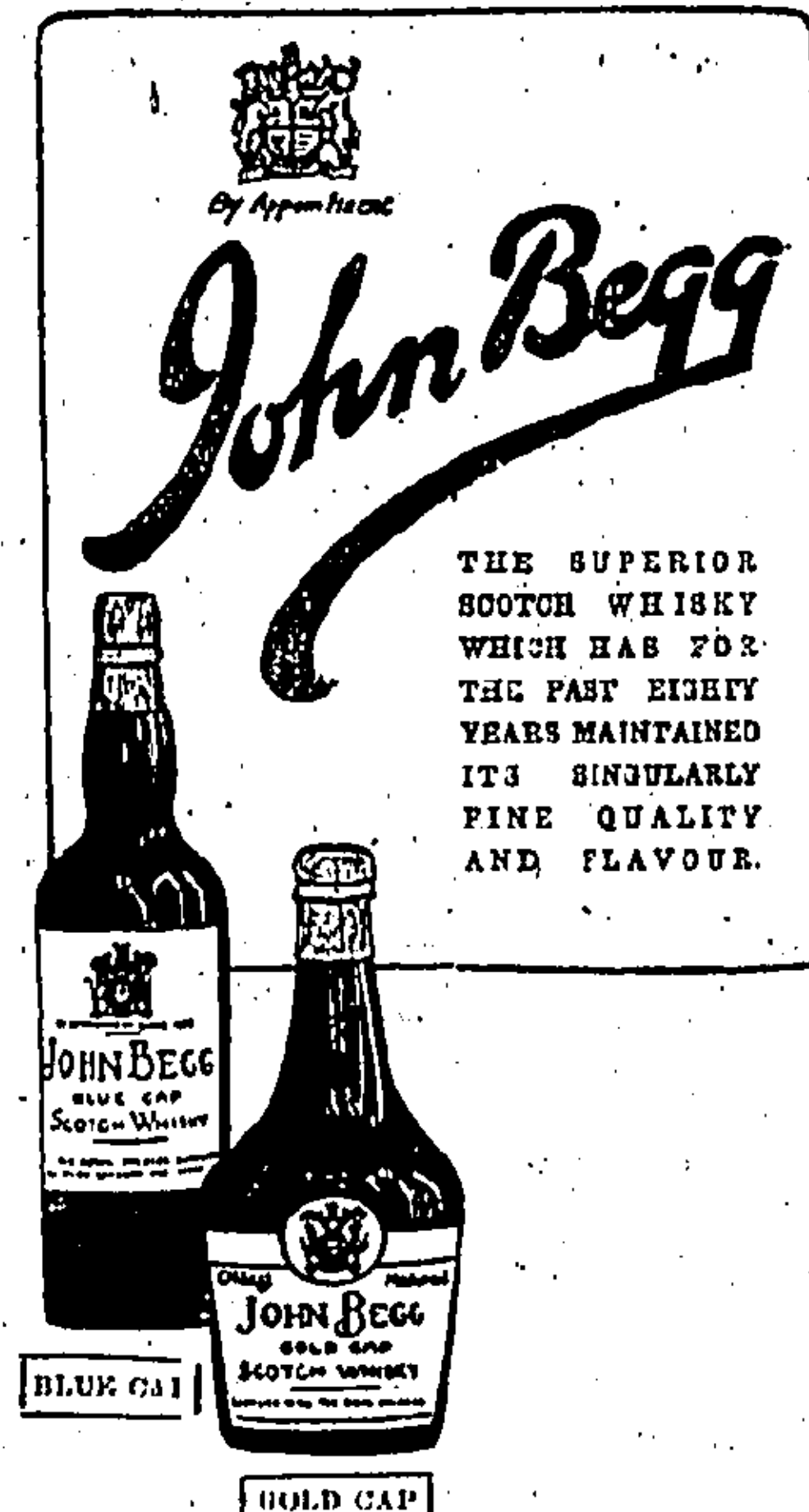
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coal. Some of the wounded were
left behind by the retreating army
on the streets. The worst cases
were received and cared for in the
hospital. In a heathen country the
maimed and helpless are not want-
ing in the home and now we are
faced with the problem of provid-
ing for such as we befriended.

Two Priests Murdered.

Two Roman priests have been
murdered in our district within the
last two months. They gave up
their lives defending their mission
property. Robbery with violence
is of nightly occurrence in our
city. It sometimes is accompanied
by wounding or murder.
It is impossible to go out into
the villages travelling. There is
great likelihood of being relieved
of all one's belongings either by
soldiers or else by robbers. Rail-
way travelling in this district is
also an adventure. We are now
left with no safe and sure means
of transit.

At present it is not possible to
move out and take a survey of the
region outside the Great Wall of
China with a view of trying to get
some idea of the field where the
Mongols are to be found. The
whole district is swarming with
bands of brigands. It is not like-
ly to settle down as long as this
war is going on in our midst. We

must wait patiently for peace and
settled government. In the mean-
while there is work to be done right
at hand ministering to those in
distress and supplying the means
of grace to the few faithful shar-
ing in the work.

It looks as if this district will
be disturbed with war and strife
for some considerable time, but it
is not possible for any one to fore-
cast future events especially here
in China.

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LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.
DURBAN MARU Tuesday, 10th January.

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It is understood that Mr. Cormack (Chief Engineer) and Mr. Hurst (Second Officer) of the same ship at the time of the piracy, will be invested with the O.B.E. and M.B.E. respectively, at Shanghai by the British Consul-General, Sir Sidney Barton.

DREDGING WORK.

WARNING TO MASTERS OF VESSELS.

A notice to mariners at the Harbour Office states that on and after to-day and until further notice dredging operations will be carried out off Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon Point, in an area bounded as follows:

North Boundary: Lat. 22 deg. 18' 02" North.
South Boundary: Lat. 22 deg. 17' 43" North.

East Boundary: Long. 114 deg. 9' 59" East.
West Boundary: Long. 114 deg. 9' 40" East.

Masters of all vessels are to proceed at a speed not greater than five knots when approaching and in the vicinity of this area, and are not to pass between the dredger and her anchor buoys.

Warning is given that survey operations will be carried out from time to time in connection with the dredging of this area.

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AIDS TO NAVIGATION.

ALTERATION IN THE YANGTSE AREA.

A notice from the Marine Department of the Maritime Customs, Shanghai, states that on December 28 the following alterations will be made in the floating aids to navigation marking the South Channel entrance to the Yangtze River.

Light buoy painted red, and to be known as Clump Buoy, and showing an occulting white light for 8 seconds, light four seconds, eclipse four seconds, will be established to mark the Northern side of the Fairway. From the buoy, House Island Beacon will bear N. 7 1/4 deg. and distant 5 miles.

The Middle Ground Light Buoy will be moved N. 3 1/4 deg. W. about 1.5 miles, and its colour changed from black to red. Character of the light will remain the same. From the new position of the buoy, House Island Beacon will bear N. 76 1/2 deg. E., distant 3.9 miles. This buoy will mark the Northern side of the Fairway.

All bearings given are magnetic.

"FATSHAN" MISHAP.

LOST PROPELLER LEADS TO DELAY.

The s.s. "Fatshan" arrived from Canton two hours late yesterday evening owing to the loss of a propeller off Tiger Island. The "Fatshan" berthed at her wharf and discharged cargo and this morning was towed into dock for repairs.

BOTH ON ONE SIDE.

COXSAIN OF "STAR" FERRY LAUNCH FINED.

For carrying both navigation lights on the one side, the coxswain of the "Star" ferry launch the "Golden Star" was fined \$15 or two weeks at the Marine Court this morning.

A similar penalty was imposed on the mistress of a passenger boat.

SINGAPORE DOCK.

FOURTH SECTION LAUNCHED AT WALLSEND.

London, Yesterday.
A further section of the Singapore floating dock has been launched at Wallsend.

The remaining two sections of the seven in which the dock is being built will be launched in a few days.

The sections will then be tested and joined into two main parts for a tow to Singapore.—Reuter.

NEW CRUISER.

"CUMBERLAND" PUT INTO COMMISSION.

London, Yesterday.
The new 10,000 ton cruiser "Cumberland" was commissioned to-day. She carries eight eight-inch guns.—Reuter.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in harbour this morning: North Wall Basin, Witherington, Bruce, Francol, Peterel and Tern; South Wall Basin, Suba, L4, L15, and L19; East Wall Basin, Argus; West Wall Dock, Sterling; Stormcloud, Nessus and Cleala; Buoy 2, Carlisle; Buoy 3, Bluebell; Buoy 4, Herald; Buoy 5, Iroquois; Buoy 6, Titania; Buoy 7, Castor; Buoy 8, Ambrose and L5 and L27; Buoy 9, Petersfield; Buoy 10, Seraph and Sepoy; Buoy 11, Seraph and Sirdar; Buoy 12, Thracian; Buoy 13, Wolverine; Buoy 19, Belgol; Buoy 26, Kharkil; Buoy A26, Ruthenia.

LIGHT BUOY WITHDRAWN.

A notice from the Marine Department of the Maritime Customs at Shanghai, states that on December 12, owing to shoal water, the West Spit Light-buoy, marking the western approach to the old Taung-ming Crossing Yangtze River, will be withdrawn.

DEATH OF PASSENGER.

The master of the Norwegian steamer "Prosper", reported on arrival yesterday that a Chinese passenger had died.

CHINESE DECK PASSENGERS.

Chinese deck passengers to the number of 1,778 were brought into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

"FOOK HONG" UNDOCKED.

The s.s. "Fook Hong" undocked from Talkoo yesterday and anchored at Sham Shui Po.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Yangchow (1,216 British), from Shanghai, Amoy, B. & S.—71 passengers, 160 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 130 tons general (through).

Empress of Russia (8,739 British), from Shanghai, Canadian Pacific Co.—772 passengers, 1,271 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 470 tons general (through).

Morea (5,976 British), from London, Singapore, Mackinnon, Mackenzie—220 passengers, 818 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 832 tons general (through).

Antung (2,107 British), from Singapore, Amoy, B. & S.—400 tons general cargo (through).

Manus (5,934 British), from Yokohama, Shanghai, Mackinnon, Mackenzie—523 passengers, 4 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,300 tons general (through).

Remo (6,015 Italian), from Singapore, Doddwell & Co.—36 passengers, 330 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,700 tons general (through).

Tjikembang (5,028 Dutch), from Batavia, Tandjong Pandem, J. C. J. L.—389 passengers, 2,655 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,584 tons general (through).

Afrika (5,469 Danish), from Copenhagen, Shanghai, John Manner & Co.—650 tons general cargo (through).

Kanagawa Maru (1,428 Japanese), from Keelung, M. B. K.—2,000 tons coal for Hong Kong, 1,500 tons coal (through).

Kaitu Maru (906 Japanese), from Keelung, Mitsubishi Shoji—650 tons coal for Hong Kong, 991 tons coal (through).

Tak Hing (106 Chinese), from Autau, Fook Hoi Co.—118 passengers, 3,720 tonnes general cargo for Hong Kong.

Shu Hing (114 Chinese), from Macao, Hoo Hing S. N. Co.—35 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tai Lee (1,479 Chinese), from Paracels Ids., Tung On Co.—500 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Asuka Maru (4,598 Japanese), from Kobe, Iloilo P. L., N. Y. K.—3 passengers, 28 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3800 tons (through).

Departures.
For Manila:—Edenton, Emp. of Russia.

For Macao:—Shu Hing.
For Keelung:—Hwa Tai.
For Swatow:—Hydrangan.
For Tauran:—Chung Kong.
For Singapore:—Talma, Van Heutz.

For Canton:—Sinkiang, Ying Chow.
For Hongkong:—J. Ludo Mowinkel.
For Hoihow:—Borneo.
For Muntok:—Tijtaroom.

Clearances.
For Saigon:—Halvard, Hsin Foo Sing, Tai Fook Sing.
For Shanghai:—Tai Lee No. 1.
For Swatow:—Fungshan Maru.
Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals	Departures	Port
British	5	6
Japanese	3	0
Norwegian	0	1
Chinese	3	3
Danish	1	0
Dutch	1	2
American	0	1
Italian	1	0
Panama	0	0
French	0	0
Portuguese	0	2
	14	13

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SHUNKO MARU Tuesday, 3rd January.

KASADO MARU Friday, 6th January.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

MEXICO MARU Thursday, 5th January.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

BINGO MARU Friday, 23rd December.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.

LONDON MARU (From Shanghai), Tuesday, 18th December.

ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai), Wednesday, 21st December.

HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.

MENADO MARU Tuesday, 20th December, 10 a.m.

TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 3rd Jan., 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.

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SUMATRA MARU Thursday, 15th December.

KOHSHUN MARU Tuesday, 20th December.

KEELING Via SWATOW & AMOY.

KAIJO MARU Sunday, 11th Dec., 11 a.m.

HOZAN MARU Sunday, 18th Dec., 11 a.m.

TAIKWA MARU Wednesday, 21st Dec., 10 a.m.

TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.

DELI MARU Thursday, 15th Dec., 10 a.m.

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KOHSHUN MARU Tuesday, 20th December.

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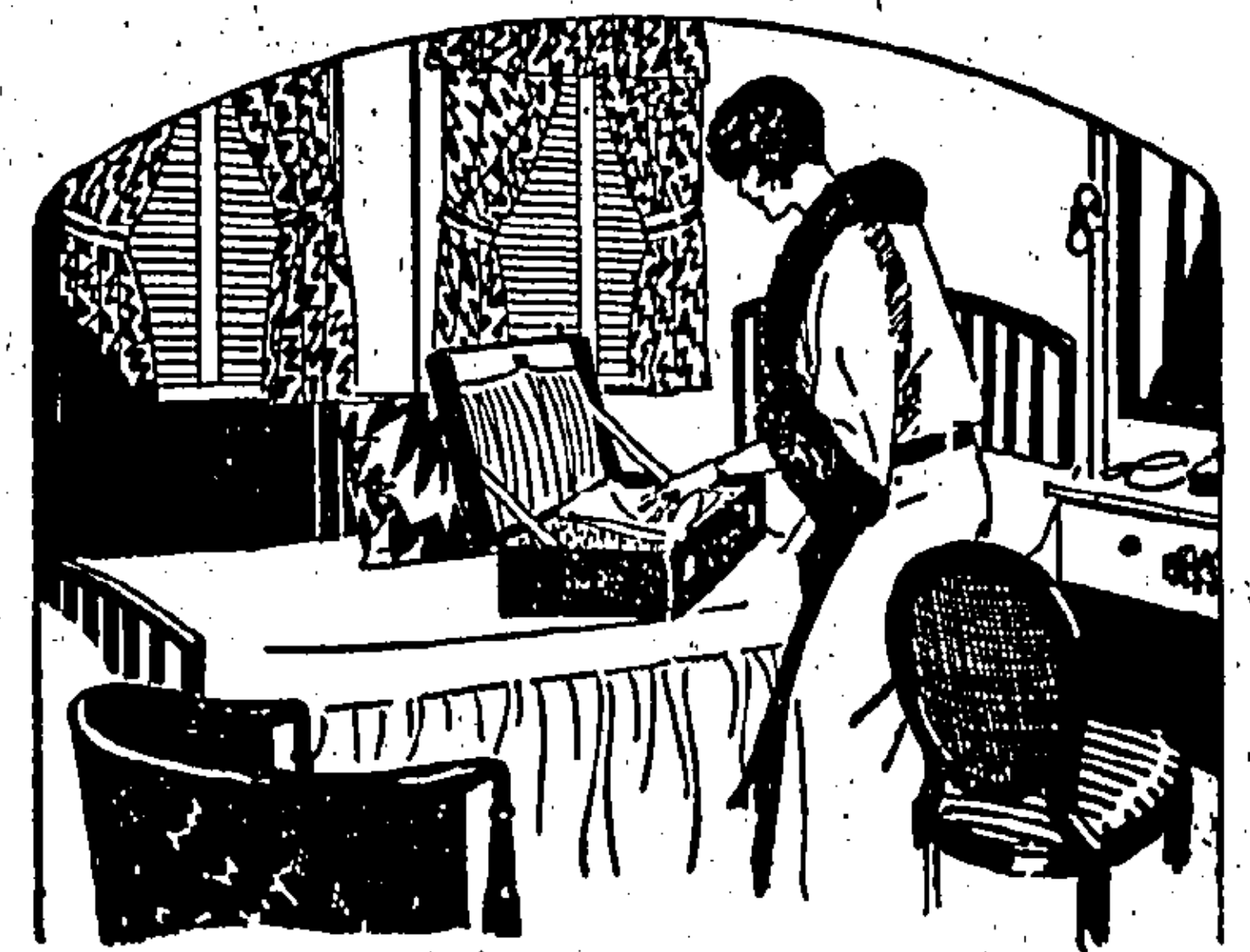
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ARMED MERCHANTMEN.

President Coolidge, in his
Message to Congress, a cabled
version of which was given in
these columns on Wednesday,
fairly accurately summarised the
aims and results of the Naval
Armament Limitation Confer-
ence when he said: "We were
granted much co-operation by
Japan, but were unable to come
to an agreement with Great Bri-
tain." That is now history, and
no one will dispute the facts.
Where the President let a little
light on to the subject was in his
reference to cruisers and cruiser-
building. Thanks to Great Bri-
tain's stand—a stand from
which we submit, there must be
no budging—the question of
cruisers has, from the outset, been
the snag upon which the Dis-
armament Conference was to be
wrecked. In the Congressional
Message referred to, Mr. Coolidge
says that "part of our consider-
able cruiser tonnage is obsolete."
Obsolete, that is, according to
modern American ideas regarding
tonnage and armament.

The most potent sentence in his
address, however, is this one:
"More attention should be given
to merchant ships as naval auxi-
liaries." Here, in these few
words, we have the answer to
the question: Why did the Naval
Disarmament Conference fail?
That it failed because of Bri-
tain's non-acceptance of Bri-
tain's cruiser-building programme
is generally admitted; but, get-
ting to the root of the matter, it
most surely failed because of Bri-
tain's attempted limitation of
cruiser size and armament; be-
cause it was seen that the restric-
tions we desired to impose upon
other countries would bring all

cruisers down to the tonnage of
our big ocean liners. Hence Mr.
Coolidge's pregnant remark:
"More attention should be given
to merchant ships as naval auxi-
liaries."

This contention of Bri-
tain—and no one can
reasonably disagree with
America for refusing to accept
Britain's limitations—is borne
out by the remarks of a distin-
guished Swiss writer, M. William
Martin. Fully four months ago—
long, conceivably, before the
Congressional Message was draft-
ed—he said in the "Journal de
Geneve":

"Great Britain, abundantly sup-
plied with 30,000-ton cruisers,
proposes henceforth to reduce all
cruisers to 7,500 tons and to limit
their gun calibre to six inches;
a providential accident inasmuch
as the Washington Agreement au-
thorised the strengthening of mer-
chant ships so that their decks
could carry six-inch guns. Now
Great Britain is enormously
superior to all other countries
in large and swift liners fit to
serve as auxiliary cruisers. What
she suggests is, therefore, that no
enemy cruiser shall in future be
more powerfully armed than her
own auxiliary cruisers."

This seems to put the case in a
 nutshell. Partiality must neces-
sarily tinge whatever we say
upon the problem and what
Americans—or anyone else say.
But the above summary appears
to be—and there is no apparent
reason why it should not be—per-
fectly impartial. And it most cer-
tainly emphasises the paramount
importance of up-to-date mer-
chant and passenger ships as
potential vessels of war.

CORRESPONDENCE.

STANLEY BARRACKS SITE.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—The Colony owes you a debt
of gratitude for the publicity you
have given to the Stanley Site—
publicity which is thoroughly de-
served even though belated. Like
the warriors of old who kept their
weapons brightly burnished, so we
need to copy their example, and air
our topics of general and social
interest even as we air our clothes
in this climate where the moth and
rust doth corrupt, once treasured
memories and sentiments. Stanley
should be preserved from "Kultur"
even as is Statue Square and the
cemetaries where rest the hallowed
dust of Britain's dead in France,
Italy, Egypt, Gallipoli, Palestine,
and distant Hong Kong.

In its true sense as
does Westminster Abbey, Stan-
ley holds "our" Unknown
Warrior's Graves—men who
made Hong Kong possible for
us, pioneers of Empire, many of
whose graves are marked "A
Soldier"; others unmarked where
the grass and sea would sigh their
 Requiem.

There should we erect a shrine
and burn the "Lamp of Remem-
brance."

Stanley enshrines the dust,
memories, and spirits of departed
pioneers—men, women and little
children—and to them our Banks,

ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

POPULAR VENTURE IN FULL
SWING.

COMMENDABLE ENTERPRISE.

Some days ago a preliminary
paragraph was published in the
"China Mail" in regard to the open-
ing of St. Francis Hotel. Since the
Astor House Hotel was closed down
the building has been entirely re-
constructed and transformed from
top to bottom to make it what is
to-day—a first class residential,
family, and tourist hotel in an ideal
situation.

When a representative of the
"China Mail" made a tour of the
newly-opened hotel, he was greatly
impressed with the arrangements
made on a generous scale for the
comfort of guests, whether per-
manent or temporary. The bed-
rooms are large and airy; there are
spacious verandahs, from which
either a fine view of the Peak or of
the business centre of the town can
be seen. There are electric fans for
the warm weather, white enamelled
baths, hot and cold water, and flush
toilets. The bedrooms, lounges, and
other apartments have been entirely
refurnished. In short, the St.
Francis Hotel makes a very worthy
addition to the existing hotels in the
Colony, and ought to have a long
and successful future. Its proximi-
ty to the Ferry and the tram (low
level and Peak) ought to commend
itself both to local residents and
visitors, among both of
whom it should soon attain a degree
of genuine popularity.

The dining rooms are spacious
and neatly laid out with a view to
making the busy man's tiffin some-
thing more than a mere "gulping"
process, for the proprietress, Mrs.
F. E. Cameron, certainly under-
stands all the aids to appetites known
to the most modern hotels.

The kitchen—that most important
adjunct of all in a first class hotel
(although seldom or never seen by
the ordinary guest) is in the care
of a European who comes with a
first class British and American ex-
perience in catering for the public.

The rates for rooms, both single
and double, are moderate in the ex-
treme, and this in itself ought to
appeal to the many who continually
complain of the high cost of living
in this Colony.

An enterprise of this kind de-
serves to succeed, adding as it does
to the list of successful hotels that
enhance the popularity of the
Colony from the point of view of
residents and strangers.

DEPARTING PADRE.

PRESENTATION FROM
WOMEN'S GUILD.

Last night at a meeting of St.
John's Cathedral Women's Guild,
the Rev. G. H. Hewitt, R.N., gave
an address on "The Church of the
19th Century."

Afterward a presentation was
made to Rev. H. Copley Moyle by
Mr. George Grimble, on behalf of
the Women's Guild.

The presentation took the form
of a handsome silver salver.

"THE DAILY BITE."

A Chow dog belonging to Mr.
Elvidge, Boarding Officer at the
Harbour Office was yesterday re-
moved to Kennedy Town for ob-
servation after it had bitten Mr.
Elvidge's little child.

Another dog belonging to Mrs.
Hick of No. 8 Block, Kennedy
Road bit a Chinese, and was also
taken to Kennedy Town for ob-
servation.

and business houses owe a debt
(as high as Mount Olympus) which
can never be liquidated.

Is there anything more pathetic
than to read the epitaph, "A
Child,"—an infant once alive with
winsome and prattling ways, prattling
talk, faltering steps, and child-
ish innocence and the pride of its
parents.

You who are parents conjure in
your minds the mental agonies and
torment, you would endure if, within
sound and sight of that infant's
last resting place, a horde of
irresponsible youths desecrated the
environment with raucous shouts,
babel, and passing jest! We are
not a sentimental race, but Stanley
must be preserved in its natural
setting for sentimental reasons
alone, and a monument erected in the
form of a granite obelisk on which
shall be blazoned such names as
are decipherable, and for the others
the epitaph, in letters of gold:

"Our Glorious Unknown Dead."
There we shall have a hallowed
spot to which a pilgrimage can,
on an appropriate date, be fittingly
made by representatives of our
business houses and public bodies,
even as pilgrims went barefooted to
the Tomb of Thomas a Becket or
approached with reverential awe
and humility the Holy Sepulchre at
Jerusalem.

Tread lightly and speak low, for
here rest Britain's dead.—May they
rest in Peace!

Yours, etc.,

IN MEMORIAM.

Hong Kong, Dec. 8.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

FIRST LETTER MAIL FROM
HOME.

DELIVERED THIS MORNING.

The s.s. "Morca," with the first
of the Christmas mails for Hong
Kong and China, berthed at the
Kowloon wharf this morning, her
delay from the scheduled arrival
at noon yesterday being due to
bad weather encountered.

A heavy batch of Christmas
greetings by letter was received
and these were delivered in the
course of the morning.

The first Christmas parcel mail
was not brought by the "Morca,"
but will arrive next week.

"STILL CRITICAL."

CONDITION OF WOUNDED
POLICE.

FUNERAL OF VICTIM.

The condition of Sergt. McMahon,
who was shot by an armed robber
early on Wednesday morning is still
critical although hope is still enter-
tained. The condition of Chinese
Constable No. 66, Chan Shing, is
very serious and there is little hope
of his recovery. The Detective
Constable (No. 446), Liu Tang, who
was shot at the same time, is stated
to be considerably better and the
wound in the thigh of the Indian
constable, Ali Asgar Khan is stated
to be progressing favourably.
The robber who was shot after a
running fight along the waterfront
is on the road to recovery.

The Police are following up
various clues in their hunt for the
missing robber of the four who were
implicated in Wednesday morning's
affair.

Constable Hero Buried.

The funeral of Chinese constable
Wan Wong-chi, who was shot dead
near Yaumati ferry wharf in at-
tempting to stop one of the fugi-
tives took place yesterday amongst
those present being the Captain
Superintendent of Police, the Hon.
Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. W. le B.
Sparrow, A.S.P., Commander G. B.
Hartford, D.S.P. (R.), Mr. Bishen
Singh, Commissioner of Police Re-
serves, Mr. Sirdar Khan, A.S.P.
(R.), Chief Inspector Kent, Inspec-
tors Grant and Cotton, Sub-Inspec-
tor Barnett and Sub-Inspector Chow
U-teng (representing the Chinese
contingent of the Police Reserves).

The coffin was followed by a hun-
dred and fifty Chinese constables,
fifty Indian constables and a large
number of European Sergeants and
Inspectors. The Police Reserves
were also well represented and
members of the Flying Squad helped
with the direction of the passage

MOTOR FATALITY.

DRIVER CHARGED WITH
MANSLAUGHTER.

A CONSTABLE'S EVIDENCE.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. R. E. Lindsell committed Sandi Khan, Mr. C. Bernard Brown's chauffeur to stand his trial at the Criminal Sessions, on a charge of manslaughter of a Chinese girl, who was knocked down and killed by motor car No. 1965 driven by the accused on the evening of November 21.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Alexander said that when he got to the scene of the accident in Connaught Road West at 10 p.m. on November 21, he saw a pool of blood on the roadway 18 yards from the footpath. He examined a lamp post near by, but found no marks of a collision. There were also no skid marks on the road, which was dusty.

By Mr. Leo d'Almada, Sen. (for the defence): The accused had held a driver's licence since December 20, 1921, and he was a fairly good and careful driver.

By the Magistrate: Although the accused had a conviction against him this year, the witness would say that he was a fairly good driver in view of the fact that he had held a driver's licence for nearly seven years. Car No. 1965 was a Buick five seater. The accused had been in the employment of Mr. Bernard Brown since June this year.

Mr. d'Almada added for the Magistrate's information that the accused had also been driving for Sir Eric Stuart-Taylor.

Messrs. Campbell, Moore's Chinese shroff, who had previously given evidence that he was in the company of the girl at the time of the accident and that he found her lying only three feet from the side channel after the car had passed, was recalled. He said that in view of Police evidence that the pool of blood was found further out in the road, he would not be sure that the girl was actually lying three feet from the channel after the car passed. He explained that he did not measure the distance, but merely guessed at it. He added that it was possible that the girl had darted toward the centre of the road just before the accident, but he did not see her do so. After the accident, on account of the crowd which gathered, he and a Chinese constable carried the girl to the footpath.

Accused's Statement.

An Indian Police Inspector said that on November 23, he explained the manslaughter charge to the accused, and after he had been duly cautioned, the accused made a statement to the following effect:—

At about 9 p.m. on the evening in question, the accused was driving the car to the garage in Connaught Road West. When the car got a little past where the Aberdeen bus stopped, he (the accused) noticed two Chinese on the road. He sounded his horn, the two Chinese ran about, and then a woman went under the car. Indian police constable Noor Mohamed who was in the car with the witness, advised him not to stop, as he was afraid that they would be attacked by the Chinese in the vicinity. The accused therefore carried on. Some Chinese attacked the car with bamboo poles as it went past. When they got to the garage, Noor Mohamed advised the accused to go to the Police, and he was about to do so when the Police entered the garage.

Mr. d'Almada, in his address at the close of the case for the prosecution, said that had his Worship been sitting in the capacity of Coroner, he was sure that Mr. Lindsell would hesitate to direct the jury to return a verdict of manslaughter against the accused on the flimsy evidence offered by the prosecution. He suggested that the jury would rather have been directed to bring in a verdict of "death by misadventure" under circumstances which were not within the accused's control to prevent the accident. The case was made weaker because there was no suggestion that the accused was drunk or had been drinking when in charge of the car.

Mr. Lindsell, whilst admitting that the evidence for the prosecution was unsatisfactory, pointed out that there was no parallel to this case, where a car knocked down four people one after the other in a distance of 120 feet. In the circumstances it was up to the driver of the car to give an explanation as to how this occurred, and unless that explanation was offered to his Worship's satisfaction, he had to send the accused up to before a jury to bring out that explanation.

Mr. d'Almada said that if his Worship held that view, he would rather reserve his defence.

Accused was accordingly committed. The matter of bail was discussed, Mr. d'Almada pointing out that the accused was entitled to bail in view of the evidence against him. He had not applied for bail before because he thought that there would be the allegation that the accused was drunk whilst in charge of the car.

(Continued on Next Column.)

MURDER ECHO.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A
COOLIE.

SAID TO BE A SPECTATOR.

Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon committed the Dairy Farm coolie to the Criminal Sessions to stand his trial for the alleged murder of a young Chinese on the water front in Connaught Road Central, near the Shekhi junk wharf early last month. The allegation of the prosecution was that the accused and two others, not in custody, attacked the victim, and pushed him into the harbour where he was drowned.

When the case for the prosecution (conducted by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith) was closed yesterday, Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, for the defence, addressed the Magistrate, pointing out that the fact that the accused was seen running away from the scene was not sufficient evidence to connect him with the alleged murder. His action, counsel, submitted, might have been due to fright. Accused, counsel suggested, was a mere spectator of the occurrence.

The Magistrate decided to commit the accused.

Mr. J. T. Prior was present in Court during the case watching in the interest of the deceased's relatives.

Inspector Alexander suggested bail in the sum of \$5,000.

Mr. d'Almada said that the accused could only raise \$2,000.

Eventually the Magistrate fixed bail in the sum of \$2,000 cash, and security of \$1,000.

EARLIER EVIDENCE.

Yesterday Mr. R. E. Lindsell heard further evidence at the Central Magistracy in the case in which Sandi Khan, Mr. C. Bernard Brown's Indian chauffeur, is charged with the manslaughter of a Chinese girl as the result of an accident in Connaught Road West, in which the girl and a woman and two men were knocked down by motor car No. 1965 which was driven by the accused. There are further charges against the accused of dangerous driving and failing to stop after the accident.

An Indian constable named Noor Mohamed, who was sitting in the car beside the accused at the time of the accident, said that the car was going at about ten miles per hour and stated that in his opinion they were proceeding no faster than a rickshaw. He saw somebody attempting to cross the road and when hesitating. The car knocked that person down and then swerved into a lamp-post on the left side of the road. Sandi Khan did not stop after the accident but returned to his garage.

Another Indian constable who was on duty near the junction of Connaught Road West and Western Street said that he heard a crash and a few moments later saw a car coming along Connaught Road. He put up his hand as a signal for the car to stop, but the car did not do so. In witness's opinion the car was travelling slowly.

A coolie who was working on Jardine's Wharf at West Point deposed that he was carrying a sack on his right shoulder and was about to cross the road when he observed a car coming from the East side. He stopped and the next moment he saw a man and a woman knocked down.

Replying to the Magistrate witness said that the couple were walking hand in hand near the side channel in the same direction as the car. After knocking over the couple the car swerved to the sea-side and then proceeded along Connaught Road at a fast pace. Witness chased the car but gave up after a short while, when he realised that it was futile to try and chase so fast a car.

Li Kit, a shroff of Messrs. Campbell, Moore, who was walking with the girl at the time, stated that the motor car ran into him from behind and knocked him down. The machine did not stop but proceeded on its journey. The girl wore spectacles and he identified bits of glass (produced) as being the same as the glass of the deceased girl's spectacles. He also identified three pearls which were worn by the girl at the time of her death.

A truck coolie, who was sitting on the kerb near Jardine's Godown in Connaught Road West, stated that the car knocked into him, injuring his foot and causing his head to strike the ground. He did not know where the car came from and therefore made no attempt to dodge it.

Another witness, Chow Chung, said that he was walking with a woman named Wang Ki, who was still in hospital. He saw the car coming and side-stepped into the footpath, but the woman with whom he was walking was knocked over. In his opinion the car was travelling very fast and it did not stop after the accident.

Sergeant Kinnear gave evidence as to finding bits of glass in the roadway which came from the damaged car's headlights and the spectacles of the deceased girl. He also found a pair of heels belonging to a European style pair of lady's shoes. Witness next gave detailed evidence of the position of the injured people.

The case was adjourned until this morning.

CAPITAL INCREASE.

CHINA UNDERWRITERS LTD.
MEETING.

RESOLUTIONS CONFIRMED.

Resolutions approving of the new memorandum and draft new Articles of Association of the China Underwriters, Ltd., and increase in the Company's capital were confirmed as special resolutions at an extraordinary general meeting held at the Company's offices this morning.

There were present: Messrs. R. G. Shewan (Chairman), Allan Cameron, Li Tze-fong, C. P. Marcel, Mok Ching-kong, C. A. da Rosa and Tsang Foo (Members of Consulting Committee); W. E. L. Shenton, of Deacons, Solicitors to Company; Herbert R. Sturt, F.I.A., Manager and Secretary and E. R. Childie, A.I.A., Assistant Secretary, also the following shareholders: Messrs. Allan Keith, W. Adamson, J. M. Alves, C. B. Brooks, and M. A. Figueiredo.

The Chairman said: The initial object for which this meeting has been called is, as indicated in the notice which the Secretary has just read, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the extraordinary general meeting held on the 21st ult., and of confirming, if thought fit, as special resolutions the three resolutions which were passed as extraordinary resolutions at that meeting. Those resolutions, as you will remember, concerned the approval of the draft new memorandum and draft new Articles of Association of the Company and increase in the Company's capital.

You will also remember that at the above-mentioned meeting I explained to you why it was essential to alter the memorandum and Articles of Association and increase the capital, and I do not consider it necessary to deal further therewith, except to add that at the meeting in question the draft new memorandum and draft new Articles of Association and increase of capital were unanimously approved, and that resolutions recording such approval were unanimously passed as extraordinary resolutions.

Under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinances, however, it is necessary that the approval of the new memorandum and new Articles of Association and increase of capital shall be signified by special resolutions, and consequently, this meeting has been convened for the purpose of enabling the extraordinary resolutions just referred to to be confirmed as special resolutions.

The Chairman then proposed as a special resolution, the first of the extraordinary resolutions and signed copies of memorandum and Articles for identification.

Mr. Brooke seconded.—Carried.

Mr. C. P. Marcel then proposed: the confirmation as a special resolution of the fourth of the extraordinary resolutions.

Mr. Allan Keith seconded.—Carried.

Mr. Allan Cameron then proposed the confirmation as a special resolution of the second of the extraordinary resolutions.

Mr. Li Tze-fong seconded.—Carried.

The Chairman: The alterations in the memorandum of Association effected by the special resolution which has to-day been confirmed will have to be sanctioned by the Supreme Court pursuant to the requirements of the Companies Ordinance and the necessary steps to this end will be taken by the Company's legal advisers.

NO DOG LICENCES.

BATCH OF OWNERS FINED
IN KOWLOON.

Three residents of Kowloon were yesterday fined \$5 each for keeping dogs without licences.

Mr. R. C. Witchell, who was summoned with regard to a fox terrier, told the Magistrate (Mr. W. Schofield) that he had forgotten to renew the old licence.

With regard to a brown dog owned by Mr. F. E. Lawrence, the defendant said that he was under the impression that the animal did not require a licence until it was six months old.

Mr. C. O. Baptista was fined with regard to his unlicensed Airedale dog.

A case against Mr. A. Rosini for keeping two unlicensed chow dogs was adjourned for a week.

CINEMA NOTES.

THREE STARS IN FINAL
SCREENINGS.

Each of the big pictures showing in the local cinema to-day has a famous star in the leading role. At the Queen's Theatre there is John Barrymore in "Don Juan" at the World Theatre, Harold Lloyd in "For Heaven's Sake," and at the Star Theatre Syd Chaplin in "Oh! What a Nurse."

The orchestra plays in the World Theatre at 5.15 and at 9.20 and an interpreter attends at 2.30 and 7.15.

The programme at the Star Theatre is continuous from 5.15 to 8.45 with a final performance at 9.20.

MURDER OF PRIEST.

CHINESE SOLDIERS' BRUTAL
VILLAINY.

MISSION PILLAGED.

The Belgian Mission at Tientsin (184, Rue du Marechal Foch) has received news of the murder of Father Heremigilde of the German Catholic Mission of Shansi (North). The missionary was proceeding to the Mission of Huanfen, when, on the way, he encountered seven soldiers on horseback.

These men accosted the Father and made him descend from his mule under the pretext of examining his possessions. No sooner had the missionary dismounted than the soldiers demanded that he give up to them his top clothing. As the weather was very cold, the Father replied that before taking off his clothes he wished to see their officer. "Our officer is in the neighbouring village, let us go there to see him at once," they replied. Then they pushed the Father before them, and after he had gone a few paces, one of the soldiers traitorously fired a bullet into the nape of his neck. Death was instantaneous.

After this exploit, the seven soldiers proceeded to the neighbouring mission of Kuo-eh-tu and pillaged it from top to bottom.

MORE FORAYS.

LAWLESSNESS NEAR
KIUKIANG.

A correspondent writes from Kiukiang, on November 27 to the "N. C. Daily News":—

Reports have come in of several more forays by the marauders, who recently attacked the S.O.C. manager near Jaochow. Indeed, conditions are so bad that the road to Jaochow is now closed to traffic, as no junkman dare sail that way. An eye-witness, who was caught and robbed by these brigands, reports that there are a number of soldiers amongst them wearing the badges of the 6th and 9th Armies on the left arm and the usual red Kuomintang ticket on the left breast pocket of their grey uniforms. They are said to be troops of the Yukui magistrate's bodyguards, who decamped recently after looting the magistrate's funds.

A Revolting Murder. The number of armed robberies in the neighbourhood of Kiukiang is also on the increase. There have been five murders in the past week, so that Chinese have entirely given up moving at night outside the city limits. There was one particularly revolting murder on the Kuling Road. A returned Singapore Chinese gentleman was walking out to his house at Shihlipu along this road, when about a mile outside Kiukiang he was suddenly shot through the body. He fell and the murderer then fired two more shots at him on the ground. All the murderer got for his pains was a wrist watch. The victim died the next day in Dr. Perkins' hospital.

Although conditions outside Kiukiang are bad, inside the city and the ex-Concession there has been a distinct improvement since the Nanking murders—that is really the correct description of them—moving on to Hankow. The Communists, it is true, have tried to stir up trouble. Some caught distributing pamphlets have been promptly shot. It is difficult to find out what these pamphlets contain as no Chinese dare pick them up. It is as much as his life is worth to be seen reading one.

Strangulation for Girls.

Amongst the executed are two girl students. They were granted the more lenient death by strangulation (instead of being shot). Whether the death is really a more pleasant one depends on how much the executioner has been bribed, because if he has not received what he considers the correct fee, he twists the cord and then untwists it again, then twists it a little more and so on to prolong the agony. The Chinese method of strangulation is not by hanging but by twisting a cord round the neck by means of a small stick.

There is considerable local dissatisfaction with the extortionate rates of coolie hire which have to be paid on all goods and cargo shipped through the various hulks. The shipping companies, very wisely, have adopted the attitude that it is for the shippers to settle the rate of hire with the coolies and, so far, the coolies have had it all their own way. Head coolies are making between \$1,000 and \$2,000 per month each and ordinary carry coolies \$50, \$60 and \$70 per month.

Job had trials, but he never had to make seven more payments on a car that lost an argument with a locomotive.—Eugene (Ore.) Guard.

Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm is said to have been entertaining a batch of German mythologists at Doorn. May be he contemplates getting out some more memoirs on the causes of the World War.—Beloit Daily News.

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Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainment.

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Don Juan."

To-day—World Theatre; "For Heaven's Sake."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Oh! What a Nurse."

To-day—At Theatre Royal opening performance of "Morrie England," 9 p.m.

December 10—Dance at the Peak Club with Lyric Band in attendance, 9.15 p.m.

December 10—Concert For Wesleyan Edifice at Old Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street, 8.30 p.m.

December 11-12—World Theatre; "Red Dice."

December 11-12—Star Theatre; "A Hero On Horseback."

December 11-12—Queen's Theatre; "We're In The Navy Now."

December 13—Organ Recital by Mr. F. Mason in St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

December 13-14—World Theatre; "Sea Horses."

December 13-14—Star Theatre; "Hogan's Alley."

December 14-17—Queen's Theatre; "The Four Horsemen of Apocalypse."

December 15—Helen May Institute Concert, 5.30 p.m.

December 15-17—World Theatre; "Beware of Widows."

December 15-17—Star Theatre; "It's The Old Army Game."

December 24—Dinner dance at King Edward Hotel, 8.30 to midnight.

December 31—New Year's Eve dance at King Edward Hotel, from 8.30 to midnight.

December 10—Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association: open singles championship, Kowloon Cricket Club Bowling Green, 3 p.m.

December 11—Fifth Extra Race Meeting of the International Race & Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd.

To-day—A valuable collection of stamps, at Sales Room, Duddell St., 5.15 p.m.

December 13—At Godown No. 51, H.K. & K.W. & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, 317 cases Russian cigarettes, 11 a.m.

December 14—At Duddell Street, Christmas toys, etc., 11 a.m.

December 21—General meeting of the Industrial & Commercial Bank, Ltd., York Bldg., 2 p.m.

December 22—Ninth yearly meeting of the China Light & Power Co., (1918), Ltd., St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., noon.

December 22—Sergeant's Mess Meeting, Volunteer Headquarters, 6 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Postponed lecture on "Gas, its distribution and uses" by Mr. Harvey at Engineers' & Shipbuilders' Institute, 5.45 p.m.

December 11—Social Gathering in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6 p.m.

December 12—St. Stephen's College begins new school year.

December 14—Investiture at Government House, 4 p.m.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Garmula" left Singapore for this port on December 2 at p.m., and is due here on December 12 at a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Bendoran" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits is due to arrive here on December 12.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.) (from Manila) is due here on Monday afternoon and will berth at a buoy off Kowloon Dock. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on the 4th January, (Wednesday), 1928.

The s.s. "Calulu" (D. & Co.) sailed from Rahuil on November 30, and is expected here on December 13.

The m.v. "Dekhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Rotterdam on December 6 and is due here on or about January 13.

The s.s. "Corby Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on November 26, and is due in Manila on January 1, 1928.

The M.V. "Vimhale" (D. & Co.) sailed from Aden on December 5, and is due here on January 5, 1928.

The M.V. s.s. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Rotterdam on November 22, and is due here on or about January 5.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Kina" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after December 11.

Consignees of cargo ex M.V. "Remo" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after December 14.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Andre Lebou" are advised to send in all claims to the Agent before December 15.

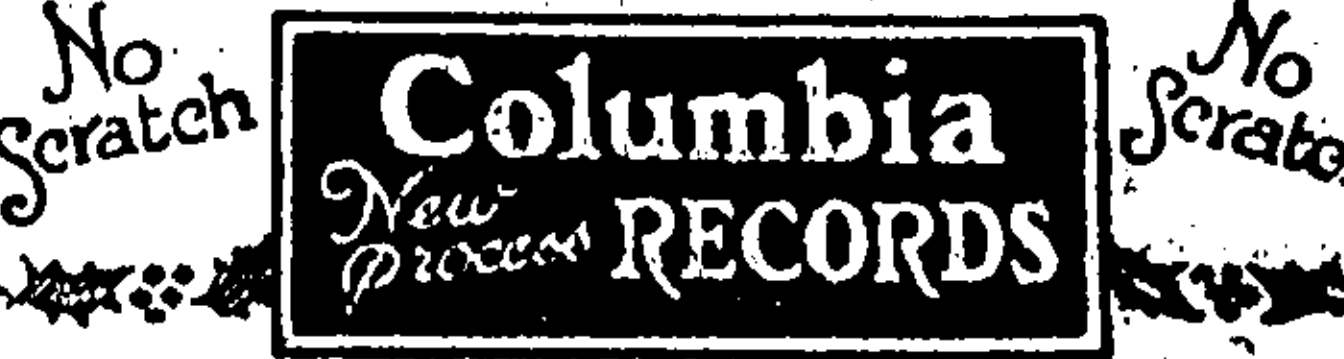
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LOCAL AND GENERAL, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

One case of paratyphoid fever (Chinese) was reported yesterday.

Two Portuguese cases of diphtheria were reported from Kowloon on Wednesday.

It is notified that Waterloo Road between Argyle Street and Prince Edward Road is temporarily closed to traffic.

The Rev. E. Baatin, formerly pastor of the Wesleyan Church at Wanchai, has been transferred to the Ceylon mission field.

Lady Francis Tyrwhitt and Miss Tyrwhitt were among the passengers disembarking yesterday from the "Empress of Russia."

Leaving for Manila on the "Empress of Russia" were Mr. F. Cock, Mr. and Mrs. H. Burgess, Mr. R. M. Darison and Mr. B. F. Westmore.

Dr. J. B. Addison, Principal Civil Medical Officer, Hong Kong, is proceeding on leave by the P. and O. s.s. "Khiva" on Saturday, December 17.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. Dewstone recently celebrated their silver wedding. Mr. Dewstone is Chairman of the Wesleyan Mission, South China District.

The distribution of prizes to pupils of the Kowloon Junior British School, Gun Club Hill, is to take place on Tuesday, December 20, at 10.30 a.m. Mrs. Cock will distribute the awards.

One man was seriously and four others were slightly injured in the collapse of a number of cocoons at a storing place at No. 400 Des Voeux Road West, yesterday.

Mr. D. S. Chellaram, managing proprietor of D. Chellaram Silk Store, Queen's Road, is leaving today by the "Morea" on a business trip to Shanghai and Japan. He intends to be back here about Christmas.

Following a quarrel with a foki yesterday, a Chinese working in a goldsmith's shop at No. 201 Queen's Road West, jumped into the road from the second floor verandah of the house. He was still alive when picked up and conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital, but died soon after admission.

Dr. A. W. Hill, Director of Kew Gardens, left England on Nov. 3 for Australia, on the invitation of the Commonwealth Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, to investigate and report upon their botanical, agricultural, and forestry institutions. Dr. Hill will also visit the Malay States on the same mission, and expects to be away for six months.

The 2nd Battalion, the King's Own Scottish Borderers carried out a very impressive route march through the Western district City yesterday morning. They set out at 7.45 a.m., headed by their band and pipers, and drummers, wearing fighting order kit. Their march concluded about 11.45 when they returned to Murray Barracks by way of the Praya.

Passengers on board the Canadian Pacific s.s. "Empress of Russia," which arrived in harbour yesterday, Mr. J. H. Anderson, Mr. R. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. G. Davies, Mr. E. J. Ellis, Mr. A. C. Deacon, Payr. E. T. M. Green, Comdr. R. M. Hunt, Capt. A. G. Marsant, Mr. L. J. Matthews, Flt.-Lt. J. A. McDonald, Mr. H. C. Pullen, and Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Wright.

Letters of administration in respect of the estate of Ng Choy, widow, late of Tai Tong village, Toi Shan district, Kwangtung, who died at this place on September 10, 1926, have been granted to Li Mui, alias Cheung Li-sui, of 134, Connaught Road Central, also a widow, and the guardian of the lawfully adopted son, Cheung Tak-lun, until he attains the age of 21 years. The testator leaves estate in Hong Kong valued at \$4,400.

From Mr. Wah Sang, tea merchant, 132 Queen's Road Central we have received one chest of "Moi Kwai Fah Tea" or "Rose-Black-Tea," and one tin of "Moi Li Fah Tea" or "White-Jasmine-Tea." The "Moi Kwai Fah Tea" is newly prepared by this firm and for the first time is being sold in Hong Kong and elsewhere. Its noticeable qualities are fragrance of smell, delicacy of material, hygienic preparation, and elaborate selection. Having sampled this tea, which is really delicious we can cordially recommend it to the tea drinking public.

Among the through passengers on the "Empress of Russia" for Manila was Dr. H. Eugene Stafford, the celebrated Manila surgeon, whose name is classed among the most famous of the men of his profession in America. Dr. Stafford has been in the Islands since the first days of American occupation. He was the founder and first director of the Government Civil Hospital. As a Freemason he was the founder of the American Jurisdiction in the Philippines and the first Worshipful Master of the first Worshipful Lodge. He has been for some years an Inspector General of the 33rd Degree.

The Governor of Singapore has appointed Mr. W. F. N. Churchill, Malayan Civil Service, to be Private Secretary.

Subject to His Majesty's approval Mr. A. P. Robinson takes Mr. C. Everitt's place on the Singapore Legislative Council.

General Sir John Asser, Governor of Bermuda, and Lady Asser, have arrived at Singapore by the steamer "Sphinx" from China.

A Chinese man and a woman were yesterday arrested by the police when 23 jars of dutiable Chinese wine were found in their junk in Shaikwan harbour.

A Chinese staying in Room No. 41, at the Hong Kong Boarding House in Connaught Road Central, has reported to the police the theft from his room of \$120 in money.

As the result of a fall in attempting to alight from a tramcar whilst in motion in Des Voeux Road Central, a Chinese suffered a scalp wound, which necessitated his removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

The engagement is announced between E. Markland Bell, of Purul, F.M.S., son of the late Mr. B. E. Bell and Mrs. Bell, of Guernsey, and Eileen, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Ingleby, of Rowley, East Yorks.



Harry F. Sinclair, oil magnate, who is on trial in Washington on charges of seeking to defraud the Government on the Teapot Dome oil lease case, The Government will try to prove that Sinclair furnished in 1922 more than \$200,000 in liberty bonds to Fall and his relatives after the favorable lease had been made him by Fall.

Some of the scenes in the film in which Miss Fultalah Bankhead is taking the lead are being photographed in the beautiful Japanese garden which was laid out by the late Lady Paget at Warren House, Kingston Hill.

The marriage of Mr. H. A. Rofe, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Rofe, of 89, Warwick Road, S.W., and Marguerite, third daughter of the late Mr. H. Browne and of Mrs. Browne, of 91, Comeragh Road W. took place yesterday at Penang.

Mrs. Brickman, wife of Major Brickman, who is commanding the 3/20 Burma Rifles during Colonel Gatherer's absence, was a passenger by the "Morea," which arrived at Penang on December 2. Mrs. Brickman has been on a short trip to Europe to see her daughter who is at school in Switzerland.

Quite a number of toys made of cotton-wool are imported from Japan. Most of them are birds but there are also figures of the kind used for Christmas decorations. They are interesting examples of what can be done with unusual material, and cheap enough to be thrown away after use.

Calcutta, Dec. 2.—Cholera continues to sweep Bengal. It is estimated that the weekly cases number 6,000, and those unreported are probably treble that number. In one village alone 170 people died. Forty inoculation centres have been opened in Calcutta. Doctors have been rushed to the province. There have been several European victims.

Notable additions to the British Museum include a copy of the nature film, "Chang," from the directors of Paramount pictures. This depicts jungle life in Siam, together with records of the actual animal sound effects, and a condition is that the film shall be placed in an airtight case and not opened until 1977.

It is understood from reports emanating from Hankow that the victorious generals already are beginning to quarrel over the division of the spoil, and it is said that the situation, instead of being relieved, is becoming more aggravated. Each wants his handman to hold the most lucrative post. A climax is approaching and it seems probable that connection with Nanking will be broken.

Tokyo, Nov. 24.—The Government is planning to establish war risk insurance up to a total of Yen 10,000,000 to protect Japanese merchants in China.

Mr. Brian Bates, the honorary secretary of the Kennel Club, said that four hundred and fifty dogs were entered for the Shanghai Dog Show, the Alsatians still leading.

Shanghai Dec. 3.—Mr. Henry H. Davis, known in local missionary circles, died in Shanghai from epilepsy. At the Coroner's (Mr. N. E. Lorton) inquest, a jury found that he had died from natural causes.

Reports from Hankow stated that Communist activity was again noted in Wuchang. It was believed, also, that only one delegate had been sent to the Shanghai conference as the military leaders Chen Chien and Li Tsung-jen were thought to be still in Hankow.

According to the "Shunpao," a foreign engineer of the French Tramway Co., Shanghai, who was said accidentally to have shot a house-coolie, was fined 100 gold francs by the French Consular Court and ordered to pay Tls. 1,000 indemnity to deceased's family.

Tientsin, Nov. 23.—The wedding took place at the British and Danish Consulates on Saturday of Miss Kathleen Faulkner, daughter of Mr. J. H. Faulkner, General Manager of the Tientsin Press, and Mr. Max Christian Hansen, assistant engineer of the Tientsin Native City Waterworks.

Mr. Heikichi Yamasaki, Secretary and concurrently Commissioner for Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Kwangtung leased territory, has been appointed Councillor of the Japanese Embassy in Germany. Mr. Yoshiaki Miura, third secretary of Legation, has been appointed as successor of Mr. Yamasaki.

Consul R. Y. Jarvis, who has been detailed to the American Consulate-General in Shanghai for the past year, left for his new post at Calcutta, India, on November 30. Vice-Consul Culver B. Chamberlain, formerly at Swatow, but now in the United States on leave of absence, has been assigned to this Consulate General and should arrive shortly after the new year.

The Chinese papers report that a new banking institution, to be known as the Kiangsu Farmers' Bank, is in course of formation. Those owning land are invited to become shareholders. The capital will be \$20,000,000, this sum to be raised by subscriptions of 20 cents for each mow of land. The aim of the bank will be to make loans to farmers at small rates of interest.

The Special Commission to inquire into the Ceylon Constitution left for Ceylon on Oct. 27 and expect to be away until February. The members are Lord Donoughmore, chairman (who as a young man was A.D.C. to the Governor of Hong Kong), Sir Matthew Nathan, a former Governor of Hong Kong, Sir Geoffrey Butler, M.P., and Dr. D. Shiels, M.P. Mr. P. A. Clutterbuck is secretary.

Nearly 400 disarmed soldiers from the army of the now defunct Gen. Ho Lung, who arrived at the Kwangtung Road Jetty, Yangtze-poo, from Swatow, attempted to enter the Settlement last Saturday morning. The police herded 274 together and turned them over to the Nationalist authorities. The others remained on board, but they will be dealt with similarly. It is understood that either they will be enlisted by the Nanking authorities, or will be repatriated.

Mr. R. W. Ring, formerly with the Dollar Steamship Company in Tientsin, arrived in Kobe on November 26 to join the Kobe staff of the Dollar and Admiral Oriental Lines. On the departure of Mr. R. W. Stegman, who leaves for the United States, Mr. Ring will be the Kobe passenger agent for the Dollar Steamship Line and the Admiral Oriental Line. Mr. Stegman, who recently resigned from his present position, has been in Kobe six months and was stationed in Shanghai before being transferred to Japan.

It is a well-known fact that Japan has great hopes of Mongolia, and now the Reds have interfered with the territory in question. All this seems to foretell an inevitable encounter between the two countries concerned some time in the future. This also partly accounts for Japan now building hopes to clear the way, together with Russian emigrants, as far as Irkutsk in Siberia, and to establish a buffer State there so as to prevent the Red pressure on the East.

Peking, Nov. 25.—The Ministry of Education is planning to recommend to the next meeting of the Cabinet that the portraits of the Emperors of the past dynasties in China be turned over to the Historical Museum for exhibition. These pictures used to be hung in the Imperial Palaces. It will be recalled that when Marshal Tuan Chih-jui was in charge of the Government a similar recommendation was made by the Ministry of Education. The recommendation was approved by Marshal Tuan but has never been carried out.—Kuo Wen.

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Almost unparalleled in the annals of crime in the Colony was an encounter between the Police and an armed robber gang in the early hours of Wednesday morning. After committing a robbery in a restaurant the gang were stopped by a Police picket but they immediately opened fire, shooting a European lance-sergeant. A running fight then ensued, resulting in a Police searcher being killed and Chinese and Indian constables being injured. The casualties among the robbers were one killed, one wounded, and one arrested. One man only got clear.

Another sensational incident during the week, fully reported in the "Overland China Mail," was the attack on the British steamer "Siantan" on the Yangtze and the capture of Captain Lator, who was held for ransom.

Affairs in Kwangtung have again claimed considerable attention, the various developments being explained in various explanatory foot-notes by a specialist in Chinese politics.

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ETIQUETTE OF THE BALLROOM.

There is a number of important points to be observed in the matter of ballroom etiquette, and ballroom, of course, means every place where people dance.

It is most important that a girl should know what is correct and what is incorrect. A breach of the unwritten etiquette of dancing is often very much regretted, and girls are not always too kind to one another.

The first thing to avoid at all costs is being conspicuous. To be unduly prominent is a sign of bad manners, whether the person who makes herself so is a Countess or a wage earner. "Over-dancing," which is really the exaggeration of the steps of the dance, or dancing at speed that spoils the "flow" of the floor, is one of the most obvious methods of being conspicuous.

An Unwritten Law.

It may be argued that the lady has little or no say in the matter, but no girl worth her salt will allow her partner to make her look foolish. She can tell him gently but firmly to behave himself. And under the most difficult circumstances, with a partner who is boisterous and ill-mannered, it is always possible to sit out the balance of the number and avoid a repetition of an unpleasant affair. That is one of the unwritten laws.

I am taking it for granted that my readers dress correctly and know their steps. They will realise that their partner is in charge during the dance, and so the "indications" given will be followed, and the ability to follow properly is the first requirement a man looks for in his partner. Other dancers—especially if your partner has just been introduced to you. Your words may hurt his feelings, for it may be his fiancée or his sister whose dancing you do not admire. Or even his best friend may be the man whose steps are not to your liking.

Choose With Discretion.

In so far as it is possible, choose your partner with discretion—avoid those whose dancing you have mentally noted to be bad, and those whose manners do not commend themselves to you.

When you are doing an evening's dancing with the same partner you will know what to do next time if your partner neglects you for the claims of the buffet. If he is bored and the fault is not yours, you can bring the evening to an early close, and if he is over boisterous or bal-tempered to other dancers, you need have no hesitation in announcing your intention of claiming your cloak from the cloakroom and going home. There is neither sense nor pleasure in prolonging an unpleasant experience.

There is no reason in the world why a girl should not attend a public dance without a special partner. It is always more enjoyable, of course, to have your own party—just yourself and your partner, or it may be a couple of friends as well. But modern dancing etiquette provides for the lady who finds herself partnerless.

Official Hostess.

An official hostess has been established at places of resort, and it is the lady's business to make the evening enjoyable for the visitor by effecting introductions to partnerless males; it often happens that a lasting friendship grows up between two people who meet and find a common bond in the enjoyment of dancing.

The girl who is wise exercises her judgment in this matter as in all others, and she has it in her hands to continue to dance with her new partner or to ask the hostess to find her somebody else.

There is one other point which, perhaps, is hardly etiquette—it is rather a matter of good form. That is the use of perfume. One finds girls using a heavy, overpowering perfume which is often enough very distasteful to their partners. Most men dislike the aroma of strong perfume; on the other hand, a little dainty perfume which has a mild fragrance is always welcome and refreshing. Jose Lennard in "The Weekly Scotsman."

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CHOOSING YOUR MUSIC.

Arthur Mason writes in a Home paper:—

Most of us choose our music in haphazard fashion. We go to concerts not with any set plan of concert-going, but because this or that performer is to appear. We are attracted by a song we hear—by a piece of piano music—by a gramophone record—by a player-piano music roll—and we make it our own. The result is that we possess, in time, a highly miscellaneous collection of music, and our experience of concert-artists is limited to those whom we know.

Think of what could be done by means of systematic choice of your music. Systematic choice does not shut out impulsive choice, or choice by preference. On the contrary, no system should be allowed to degenerate either into narrowness or into rule of thumb, and the wisest student is he who, however seriously and with whatever perseverance he plods along the hard road of work, steps aside now and then to pluck the flowers of his fancy, or even to rest awhile in the refreshment of pleasant things. But system should have first claim upon him.

Whether performer or listener, he too often, in his choice and collection of music, ranges about in promiscuous fashion, picking up his desired examples from the music of this composer and that, in music of this style and that, leaping from old to new music, from lively to severe, from the classic masterpiece to the frivolity, from the ballad of the moment to the great and enduring song.

Confusion of Values.
His catholicity of taste is commendable, but his sense of values is likely to suffer confusion—and confusion of values is one of the most disabling handicaps of the music lover of to-day.

As one result of it, the change of musical style from century to century bewilders him. He has no adequate grasp of the fact that the idiom of Bach's music cannot be that, say, of Schumann's. His isolated, or his few examples of Byrd, of Beethoven, of Brahms, or of Elgar, give those composers and their music, no chance with him against the popular writer of the day, whose music he possesses or hears in greater volume, and for that reason knows and appreciates in greater measure.

Three kinds of systematic collection of music and musical experience are especially worth trying—by periods of music, by composers, and by styles or classes of composition.

Periods of Music.
By periods, for example, the sixteenth century was the golden age of this country's music. If, instead of trying to grasp the beauties of the music of our sixteenth-century composers by means of a single hearing of a work by one of them, or by playing over one or two examples of that music—a process which is almost certain to leave the player or the listener accustomed to quite other music sceptical as to the beauty of this—let him set himself to specialise for a little while on this music.

Let him gather, say, twenty examples of it. If he is a listener he may obtain gramophone records of these twenty examples of it, or he may attend a church where its Masses, Services, Motets, etc., are in use, or the concerts of a choral society which sings the great madrigals—and he would be wise if, in addition, he bought copies of the music he was hearing, and read it as well as heard it.

In a very short time this method would give him a working knowledge of the music, say, of Purcell, Gibbons, Byrd, Taverner, Weelkes, Willbye, Morley. He would have learned something of the style of their music, something of its characteristic beauty; and it is safe to say that he would no longer be confused by its strangeness into believing that it is not worth his attention.

Composer By Composer.
The same method could with similar advantage be employed by

the listener in respect of any period of music—the eighteenth century say—with specific concentration now upon the music of its earlier half, now upon the music of its latter half—and so on, through period after period, up to our own day. Music of every one of these periods is available to the listener in abundance—and not least valuably by means of gramophone records.

Or he may listen systematically by taking the music of one composer after another. A month or two of Bach alone, of Beethoven alone, or any of the great masters alone—by means of concerts, records, player rolls; or, if he is a performer, by means of his own playing of the so much of it that is easy to play—a month or two devoted to each of them would give him invaluable touch with these great men, and an appreciation of their music which would be for him a permanent possession of the richest splendours of musical beauty.

Style By Style.

Finally, the listener, or the performer, would greatly benefit by a system of choice of music by styles. If, for example, he is a singer, or a lover of singing, he could specialise, now on the classic song, now on the modern song, now on the lyrical, now on the dramatic ballad. A most useful method of gramophone-record collecting, too, suggests itself here. The listener might begin to collect records by method—orchestral music records only, for a while, violin music alone for another period, or piano music, or chamber music, or vocal music, and so on.

By his continuous listening to music of one class, he would probably gain much knowledge of it not easily to be gained by promiscuous choice. In piano rolls, similarly, he might choose, for a while, examples of this style or this performer or that style. His concert-going, too, could be systematised so that he would be always concentrating, temporarily, upon a specific type of music.

Other examples of method in the choice of their music will suggest themselves to music lovers. It is almost certain, at all events, that they could, with advantage, vary now and then a choice which is made on the impulse of the moment, with a good method, an ordered system, either of listening to, or performing, or of collecting their music.

GENEROUS MARIE TEMPEST.

Marie Tempest made a unique forward movement in theatrical enterprise a few weeks ago, when she gave all the under-studies of her play, "The Spot on the Sun," a matinee all to themselves.

She advertised and featured it, and gathered for them all the lime-light possible. And though the actors were naturally nervous, there were several new discoveries made amongst the younger members, and when the play got into its stride even that somewhat fastidious critic, J. T. Grein, agreed it was a performance worthy of the evening bill. He goes one better, and suggests that besides urging other managers to follow suit, she should give the under-studies an opportunity to try out a complete new play. Marie Tempest was likely to be asked to speak at the O.P. Club, and give her views on the experiment.

Some of the "finds" were Joan Henley Harley Merica, Aubrey Dexter, and Lillian Cavanagh. The latter played Marie Tempest's part, while Joan Henley was described by one of the audience as "all the charm of English girlhood in one volume."

In London allotting under-studies is an art. They are called "walking under-studies," which means they never have any other part in the piece.

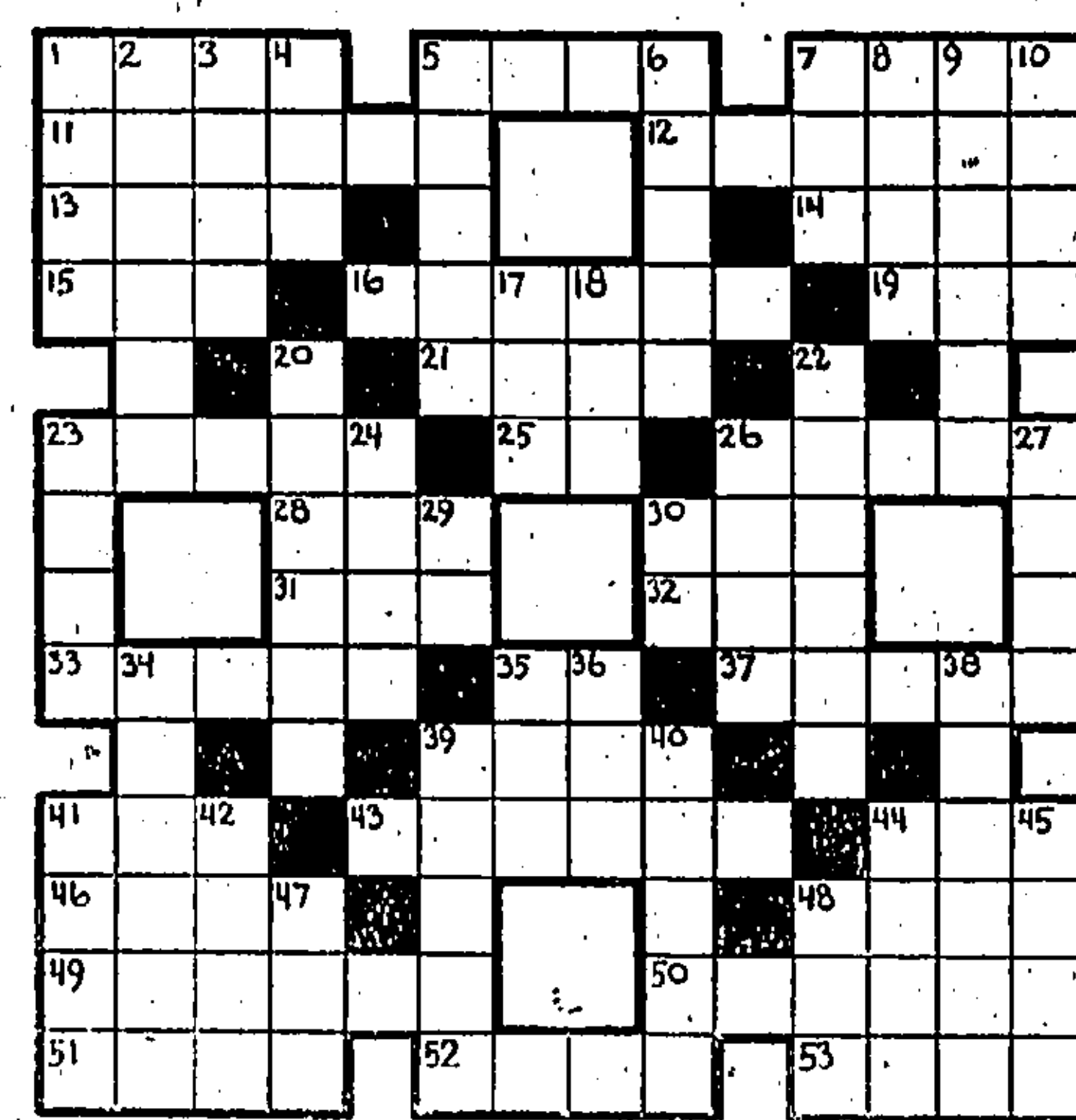
BRITISH FILM TRIUMPH.

The thrilling portrayal of recent events in China has secured yet another triumph for British films.

The film is entitled "Further Adventures of a Flag Lieutenant," Henry Edwards in the title role is proving a big draw in West End cinemas.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Ceasation from motion
- 5-To rebuilt
- 7-To bettle
- 11-To breathe forth
- 12-What is the greatest art museum of Paris?
- 13-What is the chief officer of a cathedral?
- 14-A common laborer (Mexico)
- 15-Pig pen
- 16-What city in Italy has canals for streets?
- 19-What is an emmet?
- 21-Upper fore corner of a beam-sail
- 23-Delicate
- 25-Personal pronoun
- 26-What is a temporary suspension of hostilities?
- 28-Name of a convent
- 30-Cet of the waves
- 31-To obtain with difficulty
- 32-Tavern
- 33-Wrote "The Last Rose of Summer"
- 35-Toward
- 37-Who wrote the "White Crosses"?

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 41-What is the lightest form of matter?
- 43-To calm
- 44-Evaporate
- 46-During some past time
- 48-A noted French artist
- 49-British protectorate in E. Africa
- 50-Of what country is Princess Astrid, wife of the Crown Prince of Belgium?
- 51-To have a tendency
- 52-Part of a plant
- 53-What English explorer discovered the north magnetic pole?

VERTICAL

- 1-Revolutionists
- 2-A cathedral city in S. W. England
- 3-A chaise
- 4-A color
- 5-How many great seas are there?
- 6-What famous forest is in Bavaria and Wurtemberg?
- 7-To slip
- 8-What is the dark portion of the iris of the eye called?
- 9-Covertly sarcastic
- 10-Shelter of canvas
- 11-Recent time
- 12-The (German)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 18-To freeze
- 20-What English dramatist wrote "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray"?
- 22-What country aided America in the Revolutionary War?
- 23-Out of twelve apostles was a physician?
- 25-A number (pl.)
- 27-What is the Orient?
- 29-A compass point (abbr.)
- 30-A musical note
- 34-What is reddish-yellow?
- 35-A cereal grass
- 38-What strait is between Australia and New Guinea?
- 39-Connected with the sun
- 40-Speak
- 41-Inflammation of the great toe
- 42-To scrutinize
- 44-What extinct wingless bird lived in Mauritius?
- 45-What is Japan's monetary unit? (pl.)
- 47-The purpose in view

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

LEON GORDON.

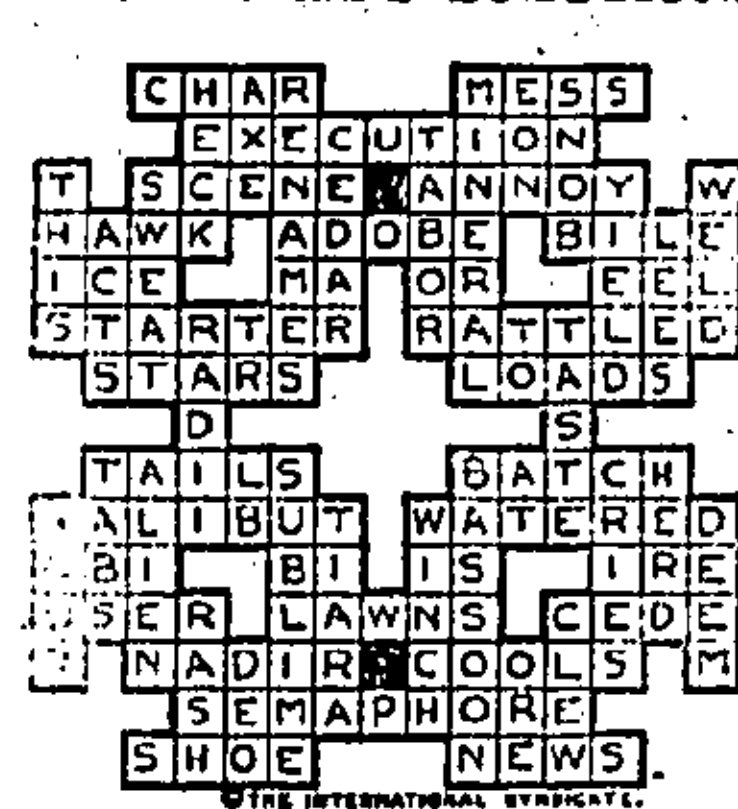
Will Play in Australia Again.

London, Nov. 5.
Sir George Tallis, the Australian theatrical director, has returned from America.

He informed the special representative of "The Sun" that he had re-engaged Leon Gordon, who played in "White Cargo" in Sydney to play in "Squall," which ran for 400 nights in New York.

Sir George has also booked "Desert Song," from Drury-lane, "The Vagabond King," from the Winter Garden, and "Girl Friend," from the Palace Theatre.

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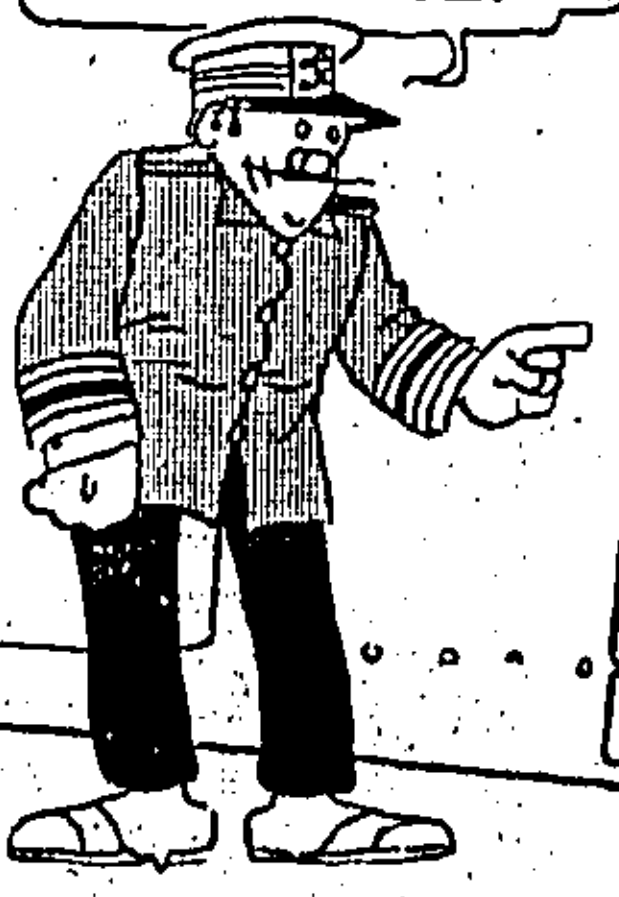
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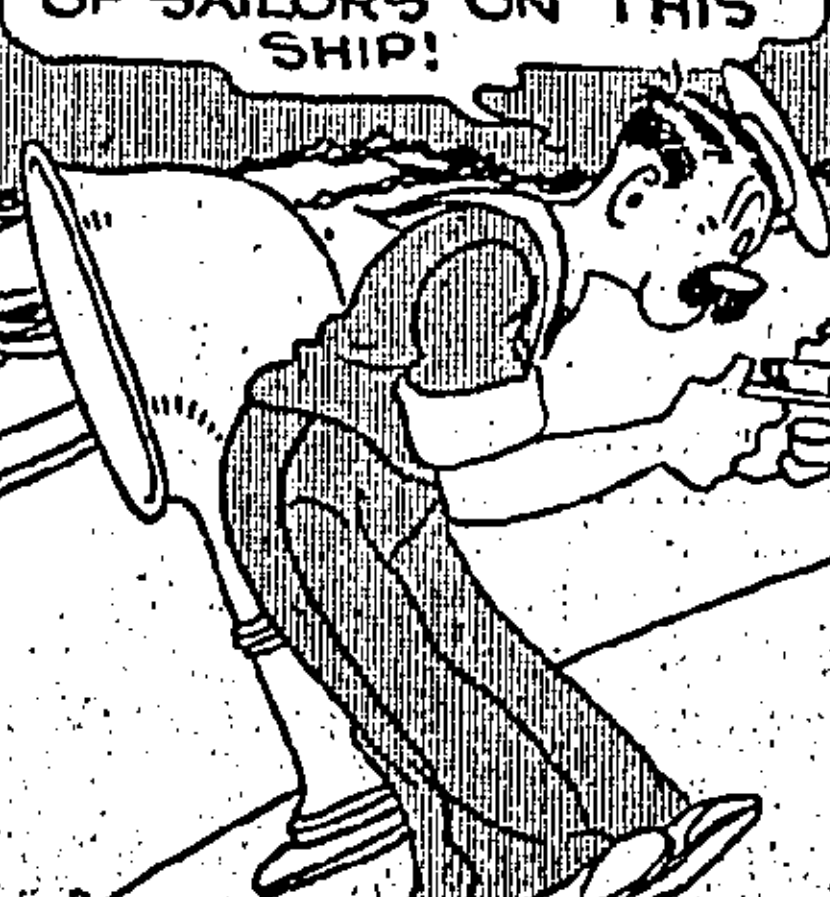
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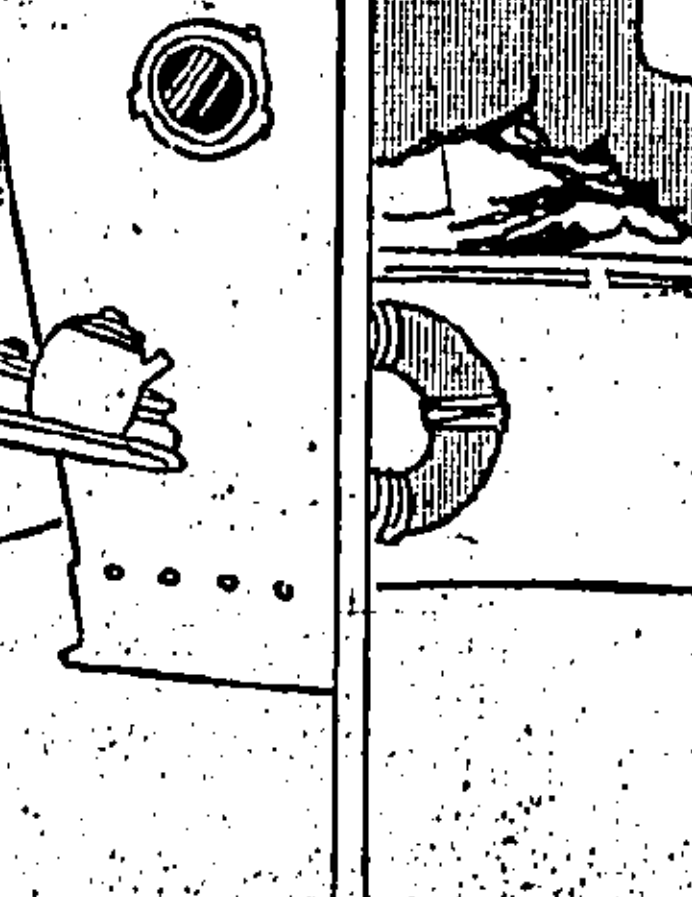
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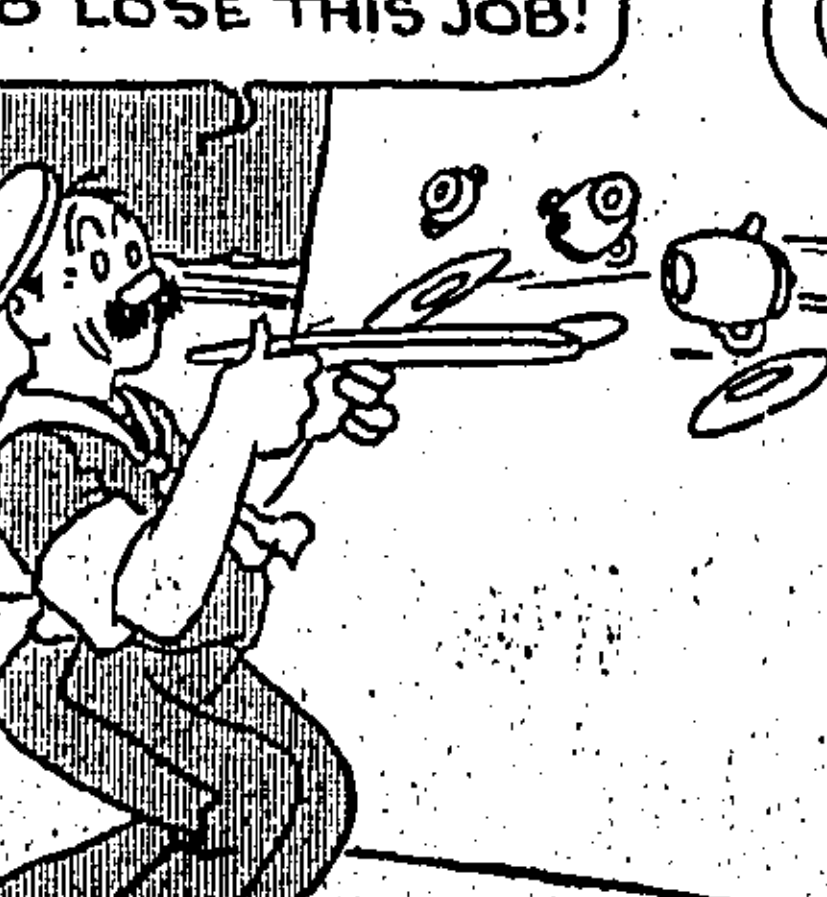
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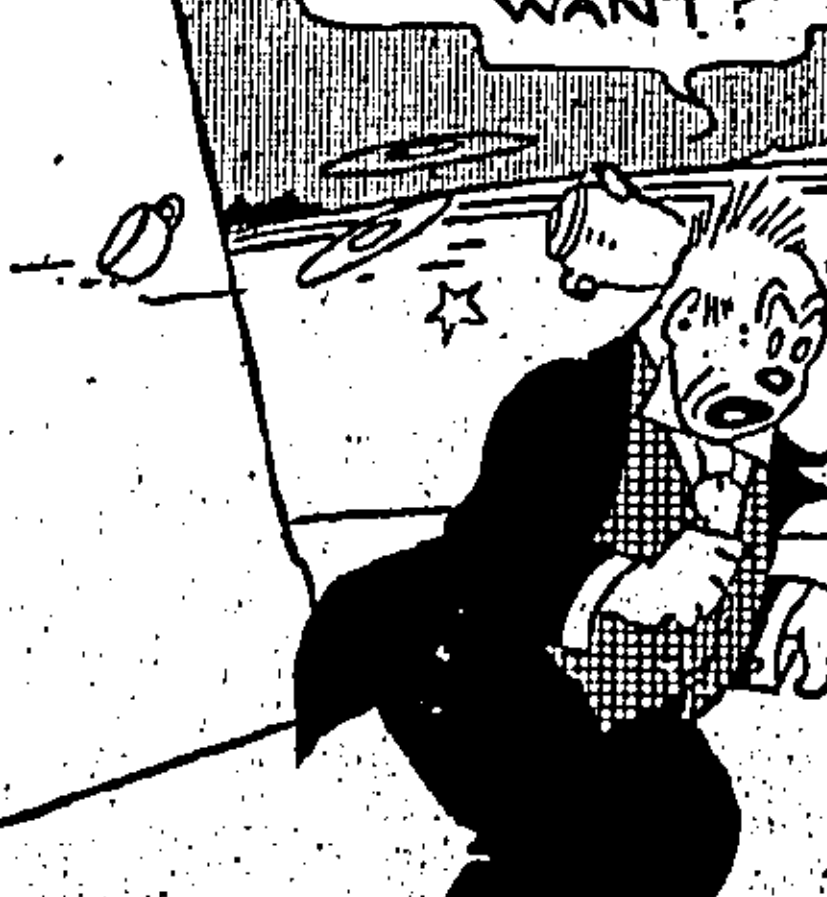
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ME THAT I'M GOIN'
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SHANGHAI'S FAILURE.

The Peking Correspondent of the "N. C. Daily News" writes on Dec. 4:

With the apparent disintegration of the Kuomintang Party, high officials here look for a recrudescence of intense Red activity. Their evidence shows that the Soviet agents are leaving no stone unturned to regain the control of substantial organisations in various parts of the country, particularly in the large cities and industrial centres of the south. They believe it certain that some factions of the now disrupted Kuomintang are readily using Soviet money and guidance in order to strengthen their positions.

Surprise at Continuance.

In this connection, considerable surprise is expressed in official circles here that the Shanghai authorities continue to allow the Soviet Consulate-General to flourish undisturbed in their midst, seeing that it is a well-known nest of Red agitators. The documents seized in the raid on the U.S.S.R. Embassy in Peking in April, it is pointed out, revealed conclusively the methods of the Soviet in this country and furnished sufficient evidence of the connection of the Consulate with the propaganda machinery to warrant its closing. Now that the usefulness of the Embassy as a base has been destroyed, it is obvious the officials here point out, that the Shanghai Consulate, sheltered as it is in an area outside Chinese jurisdiction, must be the headquarters for Red machinations. If the crimes of the Reds spread elsewhere, from Shanghai as a centre, it is felt here that none but the Settlement authorities can be held guilty.

The intensity and widespread nature of the Red agitation at this moment is continually being revealed in north China where unceasing vigilance is exercised to defeat Soviet plots. The fact that the raid on the Embassy yielded such startling results should, as responsible Chinese here see it, have been sufficient warning to everyone of the danger of the survival of every Soviet organisation, whether consular or commercial, particularly since the closing of the Embassy which increases the menace from other sources a thousandfold, so that it is only by depriving the Soviet agents of all known bases that their conspiracies can be efficiently countered.

In the high official headquarters here it is pointed out that Generalissimo Chang Tso-lin took upon himself the responsibility of raiding the Communist stronghold adjacent to the Embassy and that he has borne the burden of fighting Bolshevism ever since, without assistance from any quarter, despite abuse heaped upon him by foreign critics; so that it is natural that he is unable to understand the psychology of the Powers that not only give him no help or encouragement against the common enemy, but seem determined to protect the base headquarters of that enemy.

N. Z. AND SAMOA.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS
SATISFIED.

REPORT AWAITED.

The League of Nations Mandates Commission recently concluded its examination of the Samoan report. Sir James Parr, High Commissioner for New Zealand, is returning to London.

The Commission referred eulogistically to New Zealand's efforts in the general administration of Samoa and particularly to her work in health and education.

Sir James Parr answered a number of questions respecting the selling price of copra, and explained that the administration encourages natives to produce the best quality copra, whereas the private trader buys all qualities at the same price.

The Administration's experimental shipments to London, he added, promise good results for the producer. The chairman of the Commission, thanking Sir James Parr, said that the Commission would await the report of the Royal Commission before expressing an opinion, and invited the New Zealand Government, when forwarding the report, to supply its own views on it, and also the steps that it intends to take.

Under the law a man is presumed innocent until he is proved guilty; and some are guilty after they are proved innocent.—Asheville Times.



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CHANGE WANTED?

CANADA'S CONSTITUTION
CONSIDERED.

PREMIERS MEET.

How shall Canada's constitution be amended, if amended at all, was discussed by a conference of the Canadian Dominion's provincial Premiers, M. Lapointe, Minister for Justice in the Federal Cabinet, submitted a memorandum, under which the British House of Commons would be asked to give Canada the right to amend the British North America Act, under certain limitations.

An impetus to this proposal was furnished by a declaration at the Imperial Conference a year ago, that all Dominions enjoy equal status with the motherland. That being so, M. Lapointe held that the logical implication was that Canada should have the right to amend her own constitution whenever she considered it necessary.

The Canadian Government would agree, in the interests of minorities, that any change in the constitution should be enacted only if all the nine provinces agreed upon it.

The western provincial Premiers supported M. Lapointe in the discussion, while the Premiers of Ontario and Quebec joined in, declaring that the British North America Act has worked well hitherto, and that it, as a strong connecting link with Britain, ought not to be interfered with. The discussion for to-day ended with the conclusion that if the Federal Government considers the consent of all provinces an essential precedent to securing power to amend the constitution, then such consent will not be forthcoming.

THE "CORNFLOWER."

The sloop "Cornflower" is to relieve her sister ship, the "Hollyhock," Commander R. B. T. Miles, on the China Station. The "Hollyhock" was sent to the Far East early in 1920, and has served there ever since. The "Cornflower" was formerly in the Red Sea Division. The surveying ship "Iroquois," being due for recommissioning, the "Cornflower" is to be commissioned with the relief crew of the "Iroquois" for passage to Hong Kong, and the relieved crew of the latter ship will bring home the "Hollyhock."



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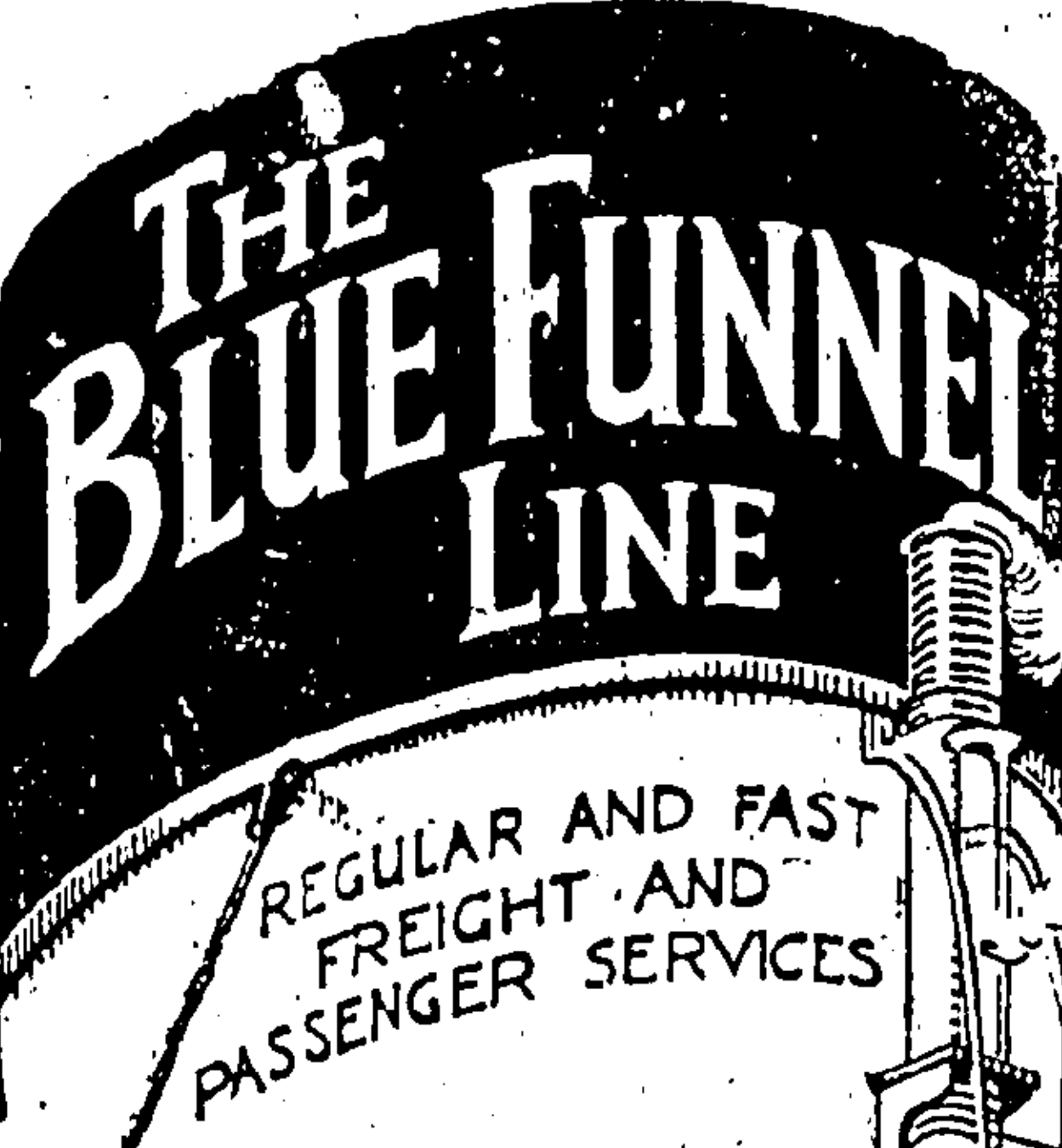
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CENSURE MOTION.

Leadership of the Commons.

MR. BALDWIN'S DEFENCE.

President Of Board Of Trade And The Miners.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Labour Party's vote of censure arising out of the Prime Minister's attitude during the debate on the problem three weeks ago when, instead of replying personally to the Labour attack, this task was entrusted to the President of the Board of Trade, was debated last night in the House of Commons and was rejected by 347 votes to 142. The earlier debate was interrupted by Labour protests and four members were suspended, but the debate last night was orderly and quiet.

Mr. Baldwin defended his action and after pointing out the need of leaving to Ministers technical questions with which they were fully acquainted, he expressed the view that the duties of leadership in the House of Commons were growing so fast that ultimately these would be beyond the capacity of one who was also Prime Minister.

The President of the Board of Trade, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, later announced that the Government had decided to set up a small committee to assist unemployed workers in distressed areas to secure migration to the Dominions. It might be worth while to send men, for example, to Canada when six months' work was offered with a guarantee to bring them back when they so desired.

Referring to the general outlook in the coal industry, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister said that more coal was now being produced and more was being exported and more miners were employed than in 1925. Prices were low but combined selling arrangements would raise them and, in the meantime, low prices were enabling the industry to recover its old markets. General trade was improving and that was bound to help the coal industry. The Eight Hours Act had reduced the costs of production and less than a quarter of the reduction of costs had come off wages. — British Wireless Service.

MP'S DEATH.

GENERAL SIR ARTHUR HOLLAND.

KEEN BY-ELECTION?

Rugby, Yesterday.
The death occurred in London yesterday of General Sir Arthur Holland, the Conservative member of Parliament for Northampton, where at the last election he had a small majority in a three-cornered contest over Miss Bondfield, an ex-member of the Labour Government. General Holland had a distinguished military career.

[Lieut.-General Sir Arthur Holland, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., late Commander Royal Military Academy, at Woolwich, was born in 1862 and entered the Army in 1880. He served with distinction in the South African War (1900-1) and European War.]

BALTIC DISPUTE.

LEAGUE COUNCIL HEARS PARTIES.

MEDIATOR APPOINTED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The League Council yesterday heard a long statement on the Polish-Lithuanian dispute from M. Valdemaras, the Lithuanian Premier, and M. Zaleski, the Polish Foreign Minister. Feeling that the services of some important mediator would be opportune the Council requested the Netherlands Foreign Minister to act as rapporteur and the matter will be considered further. — British Wireless Service.

CALCUTTA FIRE.

18 PERSONS INCINERATED IN CALCUTTA.

Calcutta, Yesterday.
A fire in a sugar shop last night spread to an adjoining hut, and eighteen persons were incinerated. — Reuter.

SOVIET SPIES.

Sweden Now Up in Arms.

PLANS EXPLODED.

Tampering With Servants Of Two Legations.

Stockholm, Yesterday.
The newspapers state that the Soviet Legation tried to suborn the servants of the Italian and British Legations, but a Swede who was the go-between exposed the plans. The Labour daily newspaper, the "Social Demokraten," joins the non-socialist organs in urging the Soviet, if it desires friendly relations with Sweden to be continued, to ensure that its representatives are not compromised in espionage affairs. — Reuter.

[A Stockholm cablegram of December 6 reported:—According to the Svenska Dagblad a young Swedish reserve officer has been arrested at the door step of the Soviet Legation on a charge of spying on behalf of Soviet Russia. An enquiry is proceeding.]

COPING WITH FLOODS.

THREE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR SCHEME.

PLANNED BY ENGINEERS.

Washington, Yesterday.
President Coolidge has transmitted to Congress a three hundred million dollar engineering scheme, planned by the Army Engineers Corps, for controlling the Mississippi floods from Cairo (Illinois) to the Mexican Gulf, by introducing new floodways and strengthening and raising the existing levees.

Only a small part of the cost, which will amount to nearly three hundred million dollars, will fall on the Valley States. — Reuter's American Service.

"MISS MEGAN."

TO CONTEST WELSH SEAT NEXT ELECTION.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Miss Megan Lloyd George will, it is stated, stand as a Liberal candidate for a seat in Wales at next General Election. She has had wide experience as her father's constant companion on his big political engagements. — British Wireless Service.

MOON'S ECLIPSE.

INVISIBLE IN LONDON OWING TO FOG.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Little or nothing could be seen in London to-day of the total eclipse of the moon owing to cloud and mist. It is possible, however, that better conditions may have prevailed in the provinces. — British Wireless Service.

PEACE PRIZE.

DIVIDED BY FRENCH AND GERMAN PROFESSORS.

Oslo, Yesterday.
The "Aftenposten" understands that the Nobel Peace Prize will be divided between the French Professor, Ferdinand Buisson, and the German Professor, Ludwig Quide. The former is President of the League of the Rights of Man and the latter is a well-known pacifist. — Reuter.

PICKWICK CLUB.

A DICKENS'S FIRST EDITION SOLD.

New York, Yesterday.
A copy of the first edition of Dickens' "Pickwick Club" has been auctioned at \$16,500 (gold); the previous highest price for a first edition is said to have been \$16,000 (gold) in England. — Reuter's American Service.

TASTE IN FISH.

Report of the Food Council.

UNATTRACTIVE NAMES.

Popularity Of Fried Fish Shops.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Food Council, which was set up two years ago to watch the interests of the public regarding the retail prices of food, have completed their examination of the fish trade which does not disclose any grounds for believing that excessive profits on the average are being made.

The public taste in fish and changing conditions in trade are contained in the Council's report, which notes that there is a far larger demand for the best quality of fish than before the war.

The Council suggest that the less known varieties should be purchased and to this more attractive names should be given to such fish as mergins, witches, and catfish.

Fried fish shops, it is stated, dispose of more than a quarter of the fish landed. The sale of herrings by such shops is recommended as this fish, in spite of a 125 per cent. increase in the price compared with the pre-war price, is still the cheapest fish in the market. — British Wireless Service.

BOGUS CLAIM.

EYE SPECIALIST'S BOAST REFUTED.

HEAVY FINE IMPOSED.

A Chinese named Au Lau-hang, living at No. 35, Stanley Street, was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy with claiming to be an eye specialist without any qualifications.

The accused admitted the offence. Detective Sub-Inspector Andrews told the Magistrate that the accused published a pamphlet in which the accused stated: "I have been thought secret European methods. I am not boasting or lying."

The Inspector added that eight years ago the accused was employed as a "boy" in Dr. Jordan's office and was dismissed on account of his activities outside.

The accused, whilst admitting that he had no qualifications, told the Magistrate that whilst he was in Dr. Jordan's office he had assisted in putting drops in cases of eye disease.

Mr. Lindsell: Do you call that studying Western methods?

Accused: I have used eye lotions in some cases with good effect.

Inspector Andrews said that on Wednesday he sent a Chinese detective to the accused to pretend that he was suffering from his eyes. Although there was nothing the matter with the detective's eyes, the accused told him that he was suffering from trachoma. Accused asked for \$35 to cure the detective and said that the treatment would take two months.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$100, or, in default, six weeks' hard labour.

U. S. SHIPPING.

MR. C. E. HUGHES NOT A CANDIDATE.

New York, Yesterday.
Mr. C. E. Hughes, ex-Secretary of State, has published a statement denying that he is a candidate for Presidential nomination. — Reuter's American Service.

SHOW CLOSSES.

The New Territories Agricultural Show closed yesterday when the favourable weather attracted many visitors.

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